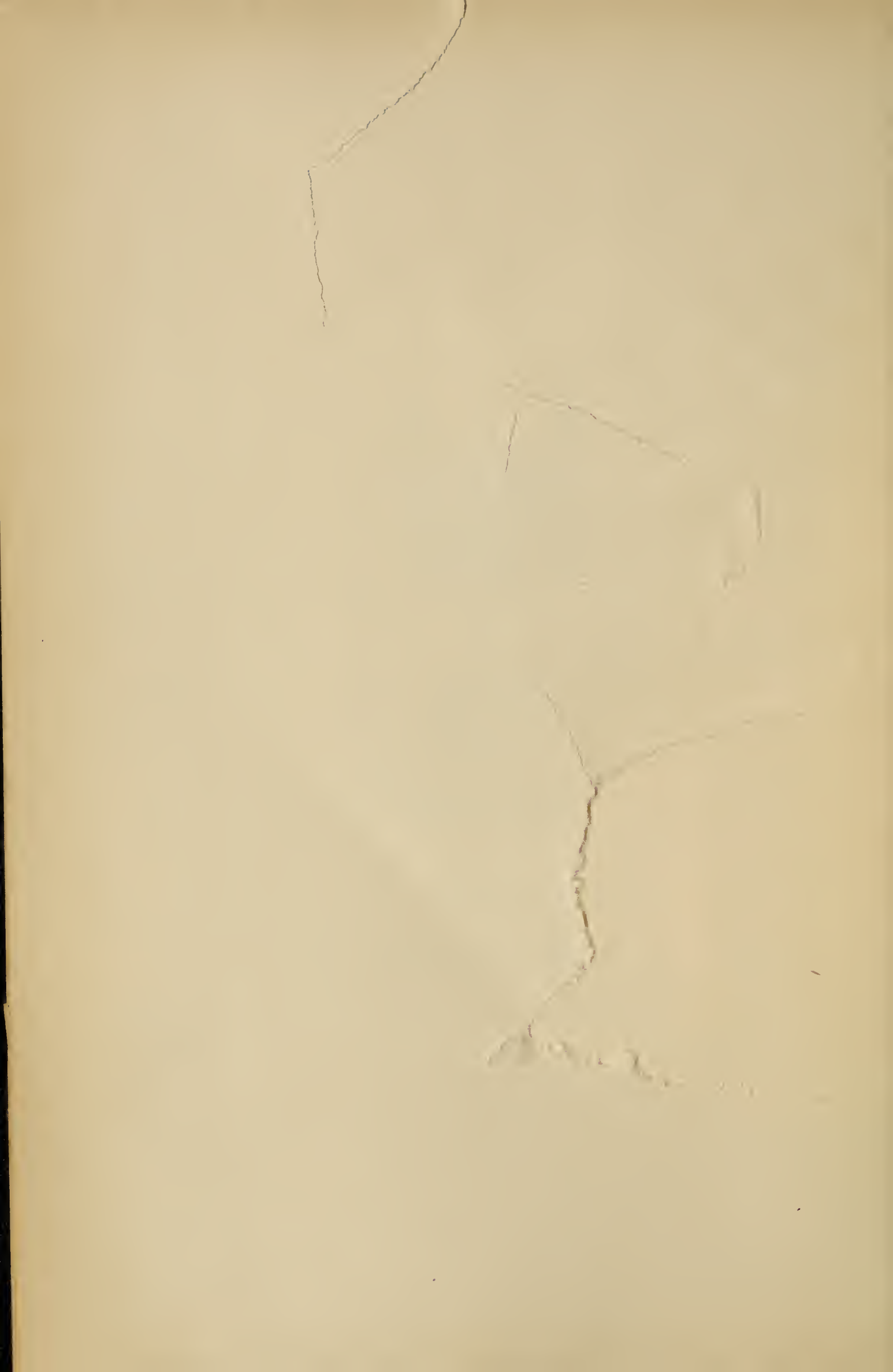

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PREFACE.

In an analysis of the history of New Hampshire nothing is found more important than the Masonian element. John Mason, the first proprietor, may well be regarded as the founder of the state. To him and his successors the undertakings that resulted in state autonomy are fairly attributable. Without the Masonian titular interest in the patents which covered the territory and without the Masonian insistance upon rights of property and government in New Hampshire, pursued amidst a most determined opposition and against serious discouragements, there would have been no separate political province where the foundations of this state were planted in the American wilderness. It is only in the clearer atmosphere of modern historical investigation and tolerance of historical truths that John Mason takes his proper place among the state-makers of the colonial period. His enterprise was certainly among the first efforts for colonization on the Pascataqua.* His associates and representatives effected the settlement of 1623. Through his devoted interest and from his personal resources these small beginnings became a permanent colonial establishment. The death of Mason in 1635 was the most serious calamity which could befall the enterprise which he inaugurated and which bears his name. There is now no longer room for doubt that in his purpose was ample promise of progress and success for the colony. He had encountered varying personal fortunes, but through all the years beginning with the inception of this particular project of English colonization he never faltered in the undertaking at Pascataqua, but held to it as among his most cherished designs. Indeed, until the near approach of his death, his opportunity for the greatest usefulness to the colony had not arrived. "Mason had hitherto," says Charles Wesley Tuttle, "derived no profit from his efforts at colonization. In a letter to Ambrose Gibbons, his old and faithful agent, written in 1634, he says that he had never received a penny for all his outlay on his plantation in the Pascataqua." Mr. Tuttle's narrative further states that "In 1634 Mason was appointed captain of the South Sea Castle, an ancient fortress commanding the entrance to the harbor at Portsmouth, England. This was a very important office. Most of such castles were commanded by noblemen of military skill, and who were well affected to the Sovereign. Mason's

* There is evidence of an early settlement at Dover. This subject has place elsewhere in the State Papers series, and nothing is asserted here in disparagement of the claims made for the Hilton settlement at Dover Point as a fact in the planting of New Hampshire. See Prince Society publication, "Capt. John Mason," 1887, p. 28, note 18. *Non nobis tantas componere cites.*

old associate, Sir Ferdinando Gorges, had commanded the castle at Plymouth, but had now retired from it. About this time Mason was appointed by the Admiralty to visit annually the Forts and Castles in England, and make a report to the government."

"In June, 1632, Mason was elected a member of the Great Council for New England, composed, as we have seen, of 'persons of honor and even of blood;' and in the November following, became Vice-President of the Council, the Earl of Warwick being then President. The Council often had meetings at Capt. Mason's house in Fenchurch street in London. This elevation shows the high estimation put on Mason by some of the foremost persons in England."

"Early in 1635 the Council for New England became satisfied of its inability to control affairs in New England. It had long had enemies at home as well as here. There was an unwillingness to recognize the powers granted by the Sovereign in the nature of government, and it had no strength to enforce its decrees. The Colony of Massachusetts Bay had become large and powerful, and disregarded all authority, kingly as well as other, as far as they thought it prudent. Complaints against the Council were constantly made to the Privy Council, and they were cited to answer. They determined thereupon to surrender their great Charter to the king, and to divide the whole territory of New England among themselves. Pursuant to this resolve, Mason received a new grant from the Council, dated April 22, 1635, of the lands hitherto granted to him by the Council. This grant embraced all the land between the Naumkeag and Pascataqua rivers, extending threescore miles inland, with the south half of the Isles of Shoals, to be called New Hampshire; also a further grant of ten thousand acres on the west side of the Kennebec river, to be called *Masonia*. Henry Josselyn and Ambrose Gibbons, both then on the Pascataqua, were authorized to give Mason possession of this new grant."

"On the surrender of the New England Patent in 1635, it was the design of the king to set over that territory a general Governor, and Sir Ferdinando Gorges received the appointment. To complete the vice-regal government, Capt. John Mason was appointed, October 1, Vice-Admiral of New England."

"Mason made every preparation to come to New Hampshire, looking forward to a visit to his plantation, as well as to the charge he had undertaken. In November he was taken ill, and died early in December, 1635, an event that proved disastrous to his interests in New England, which fell, by the terms of his will, to his widow and to his grandson, then not one year old."

John Mason, son of John and Isabella Mason, was born in King's Lynn or Lynn Regis in the western part of the maritime county of Norfolk. He was baptized Dec. 11, 1586. How he passed his years till 1610 his biographers do not relate. He then appears as commander of the king's fleet sent to control the turbulent people of the Hebrides. This squadron consisted of two ships of war and two

pinnaces. Mason fitted out this expedition at his own expense and was occupied in the undertaking fourteen months. It was agreed that he was to be reimbursed, but it does not appear that this was ever done directly from the royal treasury. As early as 1615 he was governor of the plantation of Newfoundland, begun in 1610. Possibly the appointment to this office was in a measure the result of the large debt due him on account of the Hebrides expedition. He remained at this post about six years, and was very efficient in his administration. He made the first English map of the island and wrote a "Brief Discourse of the New-found-land." He also held a royal commission as the king's lieutenant to deal with the pirates then infesting the Newfoundland region. In 1621 he returned to England. It was about this date that he became intimately connected with Sir Ferdinando Gorges. From that time on they were largely and intimately associated in colonial enterprises. March 9, 1621–'22, Mason procured from the Council for New England his grant of Mariana. At home Mason was much occupied in the public service, particularly in naval operations in the wars in which England was engaged, and in which he held high and responsible offices. Contemporaneously with such occupations he was directing his affairs in the new world with devoted interest. At length, when relieved of the imperative demands of public duties under government at home, he was about to give the colony on the Pascataqua the impetus of his personal presence and direction, but he died before his purpose could be accomplished.

Tuttle says, "Captain Mason had but one child, a daughter, Anne, who married Joseph Tufton, a connection of the noble family of Tufton of Sussex. Three sons and two daughters were born of this marriage, and were the only representatives of Capt. Mason. All except the eldest, who died young, are mentioned in Capt. Mason's will. The history of these grandchildren forms a subject of great interest, three of them being the devisees of Mason's vast estates in New England. The eldest was only seven years old at the time of Mason's death."

"John Tufton, the eldest son, died before he became of age, and his interest passed to his brother, Robert Tufton, who came to New Hampshire in 1680 and was a member of the Provincial Council. He was also of the Council of Dudley and Andros during the union of the New England States. Robert Tufton took the surname of Mason, as required by the will, in order to take the property of his grandfather. He died suddenly at Kingston, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1688, leaving descendants. To the efforts of Robert Mason New Hampshire is indebted for her independent existence for two hundred years."

The death of Mason was regarded at the time, according to the point of view of interested parties. To his friends and associates it was a far-reaching calamity, but to the Puritan element it appeared in a very different light. To them, doubtless, a formidable obstacle in the way of their designs on the Pascataqua plantations was removed.

The lineal descendants of John Mason, given with reference to the passage of the title to the Proprietary in 1746, were as follows:

1. Capt. John Mason, died December, 1635.

2. Anne Mason, daughter, married Joseph Tufton.

3. Robert Tufton, *alias* Mason, son of Anne, born 1635. Took surname of Mason by terms of his grandfather's will.

4. Robert Tufton Mason, 2d son. He and his elder brother, John, undertook to pass their interest in New Hampshire to Samuel Allen in 1691.

5. John Tufton Mason, son, died in Havana, 1718.

6. Col. John Tufton Mason, son, born in Boston, Mass., April 29, 1713; sold title to lands in New Hampshire to the Masonian Proprietors in 1746, claiming that the transaction with Allen in 1691 conveyed only a life interest.

The various charters to Mason, alone or with associates, are as follows:

March 9, 1621–2, Grant of Mariana.

Aug. 10, 1622, Grant of Province of Maine.

Nov. 7, 1629, Grant of New Hampshire.

Nov. 17, 1629, Grant of Laconia.

Nov. 3, 1631, Grant of Pescataway.

April 22, 1635, Grant of New Hampshire and Masonia.

Aug. 19, 1635, Confirmation of Grant of New Hampshire and Masonia.

In addition to these charters the Province of New Hampshire, by the same boundaries as described in the grant of April 22, 1635, was leased to John Wollaston April 18, 1635, for a term of three thousand years, and on the 11th of June following Wollaston, transferred his lease to Mason. This instrument states that the lease to Wollaston April 18, was "by & with the consent of the Said Capt John Mason in trust only for the benefit & behoofe of him the Said Capt John Mason his Executors & Assigns."

Much controversy has arisen in regard to these instruments and the titles claimed under them.* In character these contentions were often acrimonious and their consequences far reaching. Other claims to the same soil were interposed, some taking date even in the brief period between 1621 and the death of Mason, and other claims to priority of settlement on the Pascataqua were asserted on important historical authority. As to these questions nothing further than the citation of facts and records, without argument, should be expected in this relation.

The years following the death of John Mason and the period in which Robert Tufton Mason was passing his childhood and youth were times of misfortune and retrogression for the family interests in New Hampshire. In 1641 the New Hampshire towns were gathered into the Massachusetts Bay government, and the course of political affairs gave little promise of a successful revival of Masonian claims or the erection of a separate province for the New Hampshire colony. Robert Tufton

*Capt. John Mason, by Tuttle and Dean, Prince Society, 1887, p. 355.

Mason, however, eventually proved himself to be a man of ability, capable of large influence on the public men and measures of his time. His efforts resulted in a vigorous reassertion of the Masonian rights in New Hampshire and the establishment of the separate provincial government of 1679, in which he stands as a conspicuous central figure. From this date the Masonian affairs were prominent in the annals of the province. The conveyance by the heirs of Robert Tufton Mason to Samuel Allen in 1691 is an episode which interposed a new complication. The later reassertion of the Masonian claim in antagonism to the Allen title is also an important consideration. In this period a minute examination of the progress of Masonian affairs in the province involves the exposition of the principal history of New Hampshire from 1679 to 1739. Reference must be made in this connection to the work of Belknap and the documentary history in the previous volumes of this series, particularly Vol. 19.

The tracing out of the course of the Masonian title to its historical conclusion in New Hampshire has exacted profound investigation for more than two centuries. It is a subject that is inseparably interwoven into the entire narrative of the development of the province and the establishment of a state. See Belknap's History of New Hampshire, chapters 6 to 11; Collections of N. H. Historical Society, Vol. 8, pp. 318 to 325, 380 to 394; N. H. Documents collected by John S. Jenness; N. H. State Papers, Vol. 19; Province Papers, Vols. 1 and 2; History of Rindge, by Ezra S. Stearns, chapter 2; Memoir of Capt. John Mason, by Charles Wesley Tuttle and John Ward Dean, pub. by Prince Society, 1887.

The documents which are the principal resource of the historians of this subject have long been in unsystematic and scattered forms and conditions of preservation and publication. A part of those of a more general character have been before the public for a long period. The existence of others in unlooked for custody or places of record has been made known in recent years. The great body of the Masonian papers in the original form were in the legal custody of the representatives of the associates in the corporation which finally came into possession of the claim by purchase from Col. John Tufton Mason in 1746. These associates successfully assumed and exercised the powers of disposal under that title. The Proprietary consisted of the following named persons:—Theodore Atkinson, who held three shares, Mark Hunking Wentworth, two shares, and Richard Wibird, John Wentworth, George Jaffrey, Nathaniel Meserve, Thomas Packer, Thomas Wallingford, Jotham Odiorne, Joshua Peirce, Samuel Moore, and John Moffatt, one share each. The deed was dated Jan. 30, 1746. In 1749 the proprietors took a second conveyance comprehending all the Masonian grants from Naumkeag to the Pascataqua.

The state publication of Masonian papers now in progress contemplates an arrangement in three printed volumes of the series. The first and second (Vols. 27 and 28 of the series), will contain the town charters or grants issued by the

Proprietary subsequent to the deed of 1746, and all papers found relating thereto. This publication will be in all respects similar to that of the town charters directly from province authority (Vols. 24, 25, and 26), and will be accompanied by similar notes, maps, and indexes. The papers which constitute, explain, and relate to the Masonian title in general will be given in a separate volume. The purpose of the editor is to bring this class of documents together in systematic order, and to place them in one collection where they may be found in a form and arrangement which will facilitate the study of the Masonian element in our early history, making the entire body of authentic documentary material readily accessible to the public. Almost the entire body of papers, including plans, to be published in this and the two succeeding volumes came into the possession of the state from Robert Cutts Peirce, of Portsmouth, in 1891. No donation of equal value and importance to its archives, or more deserving of the appreciation and gratitude of the government and the people, has ever been received by this state.

Such special comments on this collection as may be deemed pertinent in a prefatory note will be reserved for the contemplated Vol. 29, and a treatment of certain facts relating to the administration of the affairs of the Proprietary in the disposal of lands and the erection of townships will constitute a preface to Vol. 28. His Excellency Charles A. Busiel and the honorable Council have constantly given this work practical encouragement, and have rendered to the editor valued coöperation. The Secretary of State, the officers of the State Library, and other custodians of books and documents relating to the subject-matter of these volumes, have supplied every aid by advice and accommodation which could contribute to the successful progress of the work.

THE EDITOR.

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ALBANY.

[Granted as *Burton*, Nov. 6, 1766, to Clement March and others. The line between *Burton* and Tamworth was established Dec. 30, 1796. *Burton* was taken from Grafton County and annexed to Carroll Nov. 27, 1800. The name of the town was changed to Albany July 2, 1833, probably for Albany, N. Y.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 7; Index to Laws, 15, 76; sketch, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 782; Land of the Lingering Snow, by Frank Bolles, 1891, Chocorua chapter; At the North of Bear Camp Water, by Frank Bolles, 1893; Willey's History of the White Mountains, 1870, p. 269; Was Chocorua the Original Piquacket Hill ?, by C. E. Fay, 4, Appalachia, 322; The Mountains between Saco and Swift Rivers, by J. R. Edmands, 3, *id.*, 57; The Moat Path, by J. Worcester, 1, *id.*, 267; Mt. Passaconoway, by C. E. Fay, 6, *id.*, 302; The Waterville Valley, by A. L. Goodrich, 6, *id.*, 318; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 600; The White Mountains, A Guide to Their Interpretation, by J. H. Ward, 1890, p. 131; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 18.]

[*Petition of Samuel Haven*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers Vol. 5, p. 1.]

To the Honorable the Proprietors of Mason's Patent So call'd.
Gentlemen.

For as much as it has pleased His *Excellency Governor Wentworth* with the Advice of the Honble his Majesty's Council to grant unto your Petitioner a certain Tract of Land Bounded on the East by Conway—West Line and on the South by the Patent—Curve Line So call'd—And whereas Your Petitioner has viewed part of Said

Tract & found but a small proportion of Arable Land—Whereas, moreover, he observed just within Said Curve, and adjoyning to Said Tract Some Beach Land capable of being improved for Tillage

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays You would grant him two or three Hundred Acres Adjoyning to his Location on Such Terms & with Such Restrictions as Your *Honors* in Your great Wisdom & Generosity shall See meet.

And He will ever pray &c

Samuel Haven

April 20 1773 The Tract of land petitioned for in the above—being previously engaged, voted that ye Petition cannot be granted

att. Geo. Jaffrey Prop^rs^ Cl

[Samuel Haven again petitions for the same land, in the same form as above, June 30, 1773.]

ALEXANDRIA.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, June 1, 1753, to Joseph Butterfield, Jr., and others. The charter was renewed March 13, 1767. Regranted July 7, 1773, to Jonas Minot and others. Incorporated Nov. 23, 1782. A large addition was granted July 7, 1773, which was incorporated as New London June 25, 1779. A portion of Alexandria was severed and combined with a part of Hill to make up the town of Bridgewater, Feb. 11, 1788. Danbury was set off and incorporated June 18, 1795. A tract was severed from Orange and annexed to Alexandria Dec. 7, 1820. A portion of Alexandria was annexed to Hill Dec. 20, 1820.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 825; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 9; Index to Laws, 16; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 113; Biography of Luther C. Ladd, the First Union Soldier Who Fell in Baltimore in 1861; History of the First N. H. Regiment, 1890, by S. G. Abbott, p. 193; Mt. Cardigan, by H. Murdock, 2, Appalachia, 239; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 22; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 509.]

[*Charter of Alexandria*, 1753.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 3.]

Province of } PURSUANT to the Power And Authority Granted
New Hamp^r^ } And vested in me the Subscriber by the Prop^rs^ of Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq in the Province of New Hamp^r^ by their vote passed at their meeting held at Portsmouth in Said Province the Sixth Day of December 1751—

I Do by these Presents on the terms and Limitations with the Reservations hereafter expressed Give And Grant, all the Right Title

property & possession of the Prop^{rs} afores^{d} unto Joseph Butterfield J^{r} James Cowa Thomas Cowan Thomas McLauglin John Hutchinson Phinihas Underwood Timothy Taylor Joseph Barnes Ezekiel Greele John Starnes Zacheriah Starnes William McClure William Parker John Harvell Thomas Juel Zacheus Spaulding Joseph Wright Benoni Juel Reuben Butterfield Mark Gould Robert Fletcher Jonathan Perham Jacob Fletcher Elijah Fletcher Nehemiah Lovewell Henry Snow Jonathan Griffin Daniel Merriel Samuel Merriel Junr John Wallis Matthew Wright Joseph Cochran James Gray Hugh Ramsy James Miller Andrew Clindinin Robert Clindinin Samuel Aleson J^{r} David Crage John Wallis Junr Samuel Steel Robert Livingston William Wallis David Clindinin David Burnside Nathaniel Hombs Matthew Thornton Robert Fletcher Junr Jonathan Butterfield of In and unto that Tract of Land or Township Lying In the Province of New Hamp^{r} Aforesaid Containing Twenty three Thousand & forty acres Exclusive of ponds Bounded As followeth Begining at a Beach Tree Fifty Eight miles from the Province Line northerly in the western line of Mason Patent as lately run From thence South Sixty five Degrees East five miles and an half to a Beach tree Marked thence North fifty three Degrees East Seven miles & an half to a Hemlock tree marked thence North Sixty Degrees West to New Found pond so Called thence Crossing the pond and to Continue the Sam Course untill It Comes to Masons Patant Line five miles and an half to a maple Tree Marked thence westward on the said Patant Line Eight miles and a Quarter to the first Bounds—Which Tract or Township is Cal^{d} Alexandria—To them Their Heirs And Assigns To Have And to Hold On the following terms And Conditions with the Reservations herein After Expressed vizt That the tract of Land or Township afores^{d} be Divided into One Hundred And Twenty Equall Shares, two lotts at the least in Each Share to be finished And Drawn for in Some Equitable And Publick manner At or before the last day of November Which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1755

That three of the Afores^{d} Shares be and hereby are Granted free from Charge One for the first Settled minister One for the ministry And One for the School there forever One lot in each of the Said three Shares to be first Lay'd Out in Some Convenient place near the middle of the town and lotts Coupled to them so as not to be drawn for—

That twenty more of the S^{d} Shares be reserved for the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns for ever And Accquited from all Duty And Charge untill Improved by the Owners or Some Holding under them Respectively—

That the Owners of the Other Shares make Settlement at their Own Expence in the following Manner vizt each Grantee at the

expiration of five Years from the last day of November next after the date hereof have three Acres parcel of his Right Respectively Clered Inclosed And fitted for Mowing And tillage three Acres more in like manner Clered Inclosed And fitted as afores^{d} then Next Annually for three Years And at the end of the S^{d} three Years which will be on the last day of November 1761—have a Dwelling house built and finished fitt and Comfortable for a family to Dwell in, And a family or Some Person on Each Share to Inhabit and Continue Residency there for three years then next Coming That a Convenient Meeting house be Built in S^{d} township as near the Centre as Convenience will Admitt within Eight years from this date And ten Acres of Land Reserved there for publick use—

That the Lands in Said Township Belonging to Grantors and Grantees be Subjected to have all Necessary Hyways Lay'd thrô them as there Shall be Occasion for the future without Any pay or allowance for Damages Thereby—

That the afores^{d} Grantees their Heirs or Assigns by a Major vote in publick meeting Called for that purpose Grant And Assess in Equall Proportion Such Sum or Sums of money As they Shall think necessary for Carrying forward And Compleating the Settlement afores^{d} and every of the Grantees exclusive of the three publick lotts Who Shall neglect for the Space of thirty days after Such assessment Shall be Granted And made (to pay the Same) so much of Such Delinquents Rights Shall and may be Sold as will pay their Respective taxes and all Charges Ariseing On the Sale by a Com^{tee} to be Appointed by the Grantees for that Purpose—

And in Case Any of the Grantees Shall Neglect or Refuse to Perform any of the Articles Matters and things afores^{d} by him Respectively to be done he Shall forfeit his Share And Right in S^{d} Township And Every part thereof to those of the Grantees Who Shall have Complyed with the Conditions on their part herein Expressed & it Shall and may be Lawfull for them or Any person by there Authority to enter into And upon the Share Right or part of Such Delinquent Owner & any & every Part in the Name And Behalf of the Whole of the Grantees Who Shall Comply as afores^{d} To Amove Oust And Expell for the Use of them their Heirs And Assigns Provided they Settle or Cause to be Setled each Such Delinquent Right Within the term of One Year at the Furthest from the Period that is by this Instrument Stipulated to be done as the Condition of this Grant And fully Discharge & Comply with the Whole Duty Such Delinquent Ought to have done, within One Year from time to time After the Respective Periods thereof And in Case the Grantees fullfilling their parts as afores^{d} Shall neglect

fullfilling as afores^{d}, the duty of any Delinq^{t} Owner nor he himself Perform it As afores^{d} then Such Share or Shares Shall be forfeit Revert And belong to the Grantors their heirs And Assigns And be Wholly at their Disposall—

Further that the Grantees Within thirty days after the said Township is lotted out And Drawn for Shall Return a plan and Schedule of Such Allottment And Draft Certified by the Clerk of Said Township On Oath into the Grantors Clerks office—

Allways Provided there be no Indian war within Any of the terms limitted as afores^{d} for doing the duty Conditioned in this grant to be Done And in Case that Should happen the Same time to be Allowed for the Respective matters afores^{d} After Such Impediment Shall Be Removed—

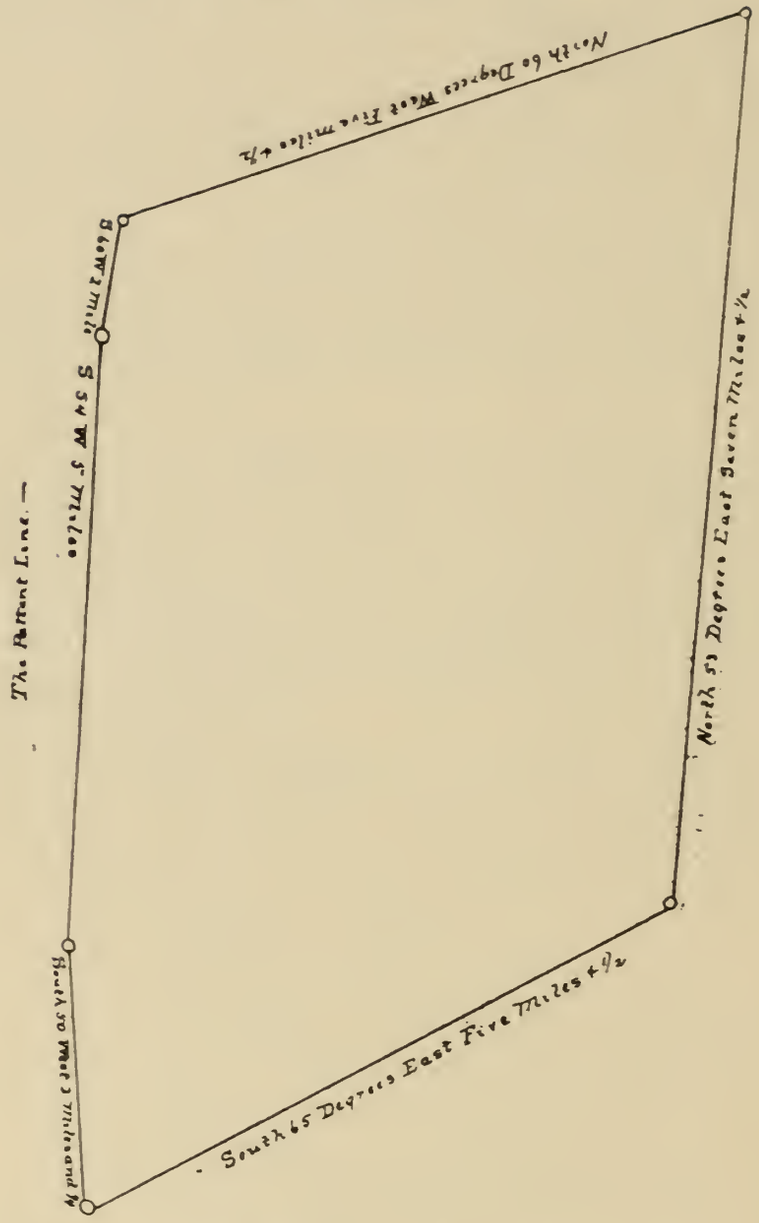
Further that all White pine trees fitt for masting his Majestys Royall Navy Growing On S^{d} tract of Land be And hereby are Granted to his Majesty his heirs and Successors for ever To all Which Premises I Joseph Blanchard Agent for And in Behalf of ye Grantors have hereunto Sett my hand And Seal this first day of June in the 26 year of his Majestys Reign A Dom: 1753—

Joseph Blanchard { L. S. }

A True Copy Examined
June y^{e} 19th 1753—

℔ Robert Fletcher Prop^{ts} Clerk

[*Plan of Alexandria*, 1753.]



This Plan Describes the Tract of Land Call[d] Alexandria Granted to Joseph Butterfield Jun[r] and Others Laying in the Province of New Hamps[r]—Part of Masons Patent Containing 23040 acres Exclusive of Ponds the Course Lengths of Line as Described on the plan herewith Laid in a Scale of One Mile to an Inch—Dated June 1753

℔ Rob[t] Fletcher Jun[r] Surveyor

The aforegoing plan & Return is a True Copy as on file Compared ℔

June y[e] 19th 1753— Rob[t] Fletcher Jun[r] Prop[ts] Cler[e]

[*Vote of Acceptance by Proprietors of Alexandria*, 1753.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 6.]

Whereas Joseph Blanchard Esq. as agent for & in the Name & behalf of the Proprietors of the Lands in ye Province of New Hampshire Purchased by them of John Tufton Mason Esq. Who Sold them under ye Title Made by a Common Recovery Did on the 1th day of June 1753. Grant ye Quantity of a Six mill Square Exclusive of Ponds Bounded as followeth Begining at the Southwest Corner of the Premisess fiffty Eight miles Northwardly from the Province Line in the Western Line of Masons Pattent at a Beach Tree from thence South Sixty five Degrees East Fiv miles & one half to a Beach Tree thence North fiffty three Degrees east Seven Miles and an half to a hemlock tree thence North Sixty Degrees West to Newfound Pond so Call^d^ thence Crossing the Pond and to Continue the Same Course untill it Comes to Masons Pattent Line five Miles and an half to a Maple Tree thence Westward on the Said Pattent Line Eight miles and a Quarter to the first Bounds Mentioned

Voted—That we do hereby accept Said Title & for our Selves Our Heirs & Assigns do Acknowledge that we Hold Said Lands Under S^d^ Title Conditions & Limitations with ye Reservations Therein Mentioned.—as by s^d^ Grant Referance thereto being had may appear Unto Joseph Butterfield Junr James Cowin Thomas Cowin Thomas M^c^Gloughlin John Hutchinson Phinehas Underwood Timothy Taylor Joseph Barrons Ezekiel Greale John Starnes Zacheius Starns William M^c^Clure William Parker John Harvil Thomas Juel Zacheius Spaulding Joseph Wright Benoni Juel Reuben Butterfield Mark Gould Robert Fletcher Jonathan Perham Jacob Fletcher Elijah Fletcher Nehemiah Lovewell Henry Snow Jonathan Griffin Daniel Merrill Samuel Merrill Junr John Wallis Marthow Wright Joseph Cofrin James Gragg Hugh Ramsey James Millir Andrew Clindinin Robert Clindinin Samuel Allison David Craig John Wallis Jun Samuel Steal Robert Livingstone William Wallis David Clindinin David Burnside Nathanel Holms Marthow Thornton Robert Fletcher Jun Jonathan Butterfield—

Extract From ye Votes of ye Proprit^rs^ of the Township Call^d^ Alexandria at their Meeting the 12th of June 1753

Copy Examined ℔ Robert Fletcher Junr Prop^rs^ Clerk

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[*Petition of Proprietors of Alexandria for Extension of Time*, 1767.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 7.]

To The Proprietors of the Land Contained in the Patent of John Tufton Mason Esq. in the Province of New Hampshire—

John Tolford & Mathew Thornton Esq. Agents for & in Behalf of the Grantees of the New Township Called Alexandria, Granted by Joseph Blanchard Esq. Agent for the said Proprietors, Lying in the Province of New Hampshire Shews. That Whereas, by the Charter, the said Alexandria is Bounded Begining at a Beach Tree fifty Eight miles from the Province line, Northerly, in the Weserly line of Mason's Patent, as lately Run, from thence South Sixty five Degrees east, five miles & an half to a Beach Tree Marked thence north fifty three Degrees east Seven Miles & an half to a Hamlock tree marked, thence north Sixty Degrees west to new found pond so Called, thence Crosing the pond & to Continue the Same Corse Untill it Comes to Mason's Patent line, five Miles & an half, to a maple Tree Marked, thence westerly on the said Paten line Eight Miles & a quarter to the first Bounds.—& Whereas by an Actual Survey of the abovesaid Township, it Appears that their are Sundry Mistakes in the Corses & Distances Mentioned in said Charter, which has prevented the Grantees from making Settlement Agreeable to the Conditions of said Grant. Therefore in the Capacity aforesaid, in Behalf of the Grantees aforesaid We Humbly pray That Two years from this Date may be added to the time mentioned in said Charter, that the said Grantees may perform the Duties of every kind as Stipulated in the Charter thereof Also that the Bound, Corses, & Distances, of said Alexandria, may be Confirmed to the said Grantees Agreeable to the True Intent of said Grant, which we Beleive to be as follows (viz) Begining at a maple Tree in Mason's Paten line about forty Rods from New found pond thence Runing Over part of said pond South twelve Degrees East five Miles More or less, or to a Hamlock Tree marked, thence South fifty three Degrees west Seven Miles & an half more or less, to a Beach Tree marked, thence north twelve Degrees west, four Miles & an half to a Beach Tree marked in the westerly line of the Abovesaid Patent, thence Easterly, on said line to the Bounds first mentioned, & we Hereby Disclame, all the Land not Included in the Bounds last mentioned, all which is Humbly Submited

℔ John Tolford } Agents for the Proprie-
Mathew Thornton } tors of Alexandria

Portsmouth, March 13th A D 1767.—

[*Extension of Time Granted to Alexandria Proprietors*, 1767.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 9.]

Province of } Portsmouth March 13th 1767. At a Meeting of
New Hampshr } the Proprietors of the lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr in New Hampshire held by adjournment—

Upon reading and Considering the Petition of John Tolford and Mathew Thornton Esqrs Agents for the Grantees of a Tract of land, within our patent called Alexandria. The Proprietors being willing to encourage all industrious Settlers, and to rectify any mistakes which operate to their prejudice and also to grant them Such further Privileges and advantages as will best promote the Settlement according to the original design. Therefore Voted that all that Tract of land contained in the bounds last mentioned and prayed for in Said Petition—vizt beginning at a Maple tree in Mason's Patent line about forty rods from new found pond, thence running over part of said pond, South twelve degrees east five miles, more or less to a hemlock tree marked, thence South fifty three Deg West Seven miles and a half more or less, to a beach tree marked thence North twelve Deg: West four miles and an half to a beach tree marked in the Westerly line of the Said Patent, thence easterly on the said line to the place where it begins, be called by the name of Alexandria and all the Right Title Claim and Demand of the Said Proprietors be and hereby is granted to the Grantees named in the former grant, made by Joseph Blanchard Esqr in behalf of Said Proprietors. To Hold to them in the Same manner with the Same Reservations, Terms and Limittations, as is therein expressed, with this further Benefit and advantage vizt that the said Grantees have two years from this time to perform the Settlement and all the Several Matters and things by them to be done according to Said former Grant. Provided the Said Grantees shall have no right, Claim or Demand to any part of the Land contained in the Bounds Expressed in the above mentioned former grant, but only So much thereof as is contained in the above mentioned Bounds, and that they Relinquish and disclaim their Right and Demand to the said Premises within the said first mentioned bounds accordingly—

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℔ Geo: Jaffrey Proprs Cl.

[*Vote of Acceptance by Proprietors of Alexandria*, 1767.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 10.]

Whereas, the Proprietors of the Lands in the Province Of New Hampshire, Purchased by them, from John Tufton Mason Esq. Who sold them Under the Title of a Common Recovery, Did on the thirteenth day of March 1767, Regrant, the Quantity of Six Miles Squar part of said Land by the name of Alexandria, Begining at a maple Tree in Mason's patent line About forty Rods from Newfound pond thence Runing Over part of said pond, South Twelve Degrees East, five Miles, more or less, to a Hemlock Tree Marked, thence, South fifty three Degrees, west Seven Miles & an Half, more, or less, to a Beach Tree Marked thence North twelve Degrees, west, four Miles, & an Half to a Beach Tree Marked, in the Westerly line of Mason's Patent, thence Easterly on said line to the first Bounds mentioned to Joseph Butterfield Junr James Cowen, Thomas Cowen Thomas M^{c}laughlan, John Hutchison, Phineas Underwood, Timothy Taylor, Joseph Barron, Ezekiel Grele, John Stearns, Zacheriah Stearns, Junr William McClure William Parker, John Harvil, Thomas Juel, Rueben Butterfield, Mark Gould, Zacheriah Spaulding, Joseph Wright, Benoni Juel, Robert Fletcher, Jonathan Parham, Jacob Fletcher, Elijah Fletcher, Nehemiah Lovewell, Henry Snow, Jonathan Griffin, Daniel Merril Junr John Wallace, Mathew Wright, Joseph Cochran, James Gregg, Hugh Ramsey, James Miller, Andrew Clindinin, Robert Clindinin, Samuel Alison, David Craige, John Wallace Junr Samuel Steel, Robert Livingston, William Wallace, David Clindinin, David Burnside, Nathniel Holms, Mathew Thornton, Robert Fletcher Junr & Jonathan Butterfield.—Under Certain Condition, Limitations, & Reservations, Mentioned, in s^{d} Grant, as by Reference thereto will fully Appear.—

Voted—That we Do Herby Except Said Title, & for Our Selves, our Heirs, & Assigns, Do Acknowledge that we Hold said Lands, under Said Title, Conditions, & Limitations, with the Reservations mentioned.

At a meeting of the Proprietors, of Alexandria, Held at the House of Timothy Engil, Inn Holder in Chester in said Province the Third Tuesday of April, A D 1767.—

The foregoing Vote Passed, Unanimously.—

Robert MacMurphy Proppriaters Clark

[*Schedule of Proprietors of Alexandria*, 1767.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 12.]

A Schedule of Alexandria Each Draft Stands thus—

	first Dn	Second Dn	third Dn	
Mathew Thornton No	6	68	00	
David Burnside——-	75	15	½16	in ye 3d Dn
John Moffat——	9	45	38	
Ezekiel Grealy——	73	28	½76	in ye first Devision
Jonathan Buterfield—	14	51	23	
Samuel Merril Junr—	48	19	26	
Zacheriah Spalding—	7	3	36	
Thomas Pecker—	32	21	6	
Mark Gould——	65	47	½78	in ye first
Benoni Juell—	79	72	½12	in first
Robert Livingstone——	28	16	32	
Henry Snow——	64	33	½78	in first
Phineas Underwood—	68	66	½23	in ye first
John Wentworth—	46	60	30	
Joseph Cochran—	70	58	½24	in ye first
Thomas Walingsford—	8	22	28	
John Stearns——	19	11	9	
Robert Fletcher—	30	38	8	
Mess Harvey & others—	62	52	½16	in ye 3d Dn
Jonathan Griffin——	63	65	81	in first
John Hutchinson—	47	17	43	
Andrew Clendinen———	1	6	7	
Robert Fletcher Junr	67	70	½23	in ye first
George Jaffrey—	36	54	18	
Joseph Boarns—	44	74	39	
Robert Clendinen	22	12	24	
Thomas Cowan—	26	30	14	
Joseph Buterfield Jur	35	63	49	
Blank——	55	9	½3	in ye 3d Dn
Nathaniel Holms—	80	10	½25	in ye first
Elijah Fletcher——	40	61	40	
John Wallace Junr	43	14	44	
William McCluer-	2	5	50	
James Gregg——	21	31	34	
Thomas Juell——	53	49	42	
Joseph Wright——	3	7	20	
Thomelson & Mason—	60	4	½2	in 3d Dn
Soley & March——	71	43	½12	in ye first
David Craige——	59	50	½2	in ye 3d Dn

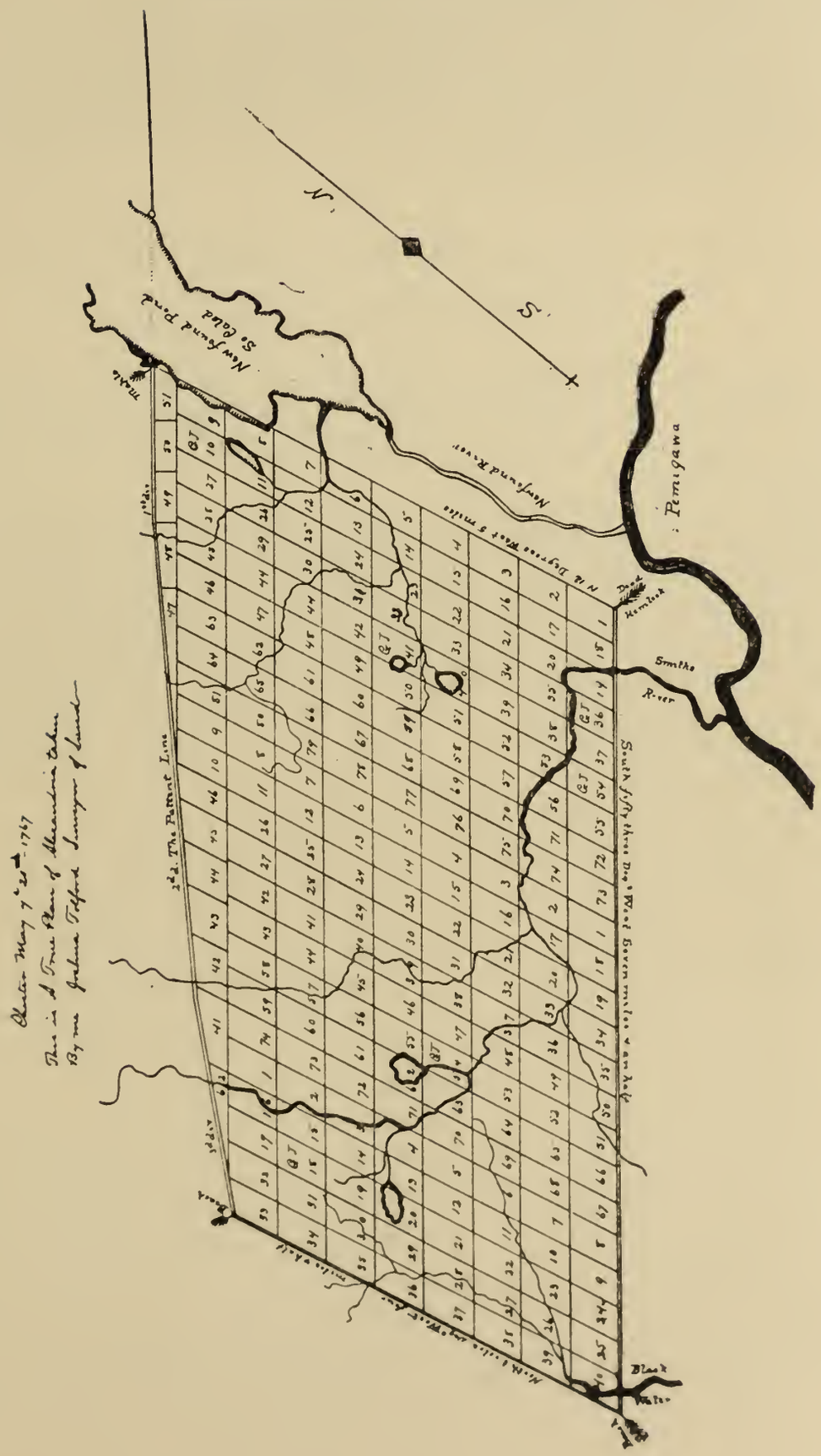
	first D^{a}	Second D^{a}	third D^{a}	
Thomas McLaughlen—	69	18	½24	in ye firs
Hugh Ramsey——	10	59	19	
Zecheriah Stearns—	52	1	41	
Reuben Buterfield—	20	25	46	
William Parker Es^{r}	34	8	51	
John Hervill——	11	46	22	
Daniel Merril——	51	29	4	
Jonathan Perham—	57	39	1	
David Clendinen——	13	23	37	
Joshua Peirce——	15	69	21	
John Wallace——	17	27	25	
James Miller——	72	42	½16	in ye first
Samuell Steel——	41	32	47	
Timothy Tayler—	56	57	52	
Jacob Fletcher——	29	36	45	
William Wallace——	5	13	13	
Richard Wibird—	4	56	29	
John Rindge——	58	35	½3	in ye 3^{d} D^{a}
Samuel Alison——	16	34	10	
William Parker——	37	53	33	
Nehemiah Lovewell—	39	37	31	
Peirce & Mores——	31	41	½25	in ye first
Joseph Blanchard——	66	73	& 77	in ye first
Mathew Wright——	18	26	12	
Joatham Odiorn——	45	44	5	
Theodore Atkinson——	61	67	17	
Mathew Livermore—	33	48	35	
James Cowan——	38	64	48	
Mark Hunking Wentworth	54	40	15	
Blank——	27	24	27	&c

Londonderry May 20th 1767

The fore Going is a true Schedule

p^{r} Robert MacMurphy Proppriaters Clark

[*Plan of Alexandria*, 1767.]



Note the first Devision Begins at the North East Corner or hemlock tree and Contains nine Ranges being 81 Lotts—

The Second Devision Contains nine Ranges being 74 Lotts

The third Devision Lies at the South West End of S^{d} town and Contains 52 Lotts twelve of which are goreing Lotts adjoining the Pattent Line

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[*Petition of Nathaniel Whitaker and Ralph Wheelock*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 13.]

To The Honble Theodore Atkinson and others the purchasers of Masons Propriety in the Province of N^{w} Hampshire.

The memorial of NATH^{l} WHITAKER and RALPH WHEELOCK humbly sheweth.

That Your Memorialists have been long & labouriously engaged in different departments in promoting the important Institution Doct^{r} Wheelocks Indian Accademy in which they with truth can say, they have not sought their own personal or family Emolument or Advantage, & by which in part that Institution has not only become reputable but is like to be of great Advantage to this Province as a Seminary of Learning in it, & that Your Memorilests are persauded that their former services will be no bar in the way of obtaining some fav^{rs} for themselves & friends, nor their asking personal fav^{rs} be construed as proceding from too selfish Spirit—

That Your Memorilests have heard that there are several Townships of Land which have been granted many Years ago, & still remain unsettled, & therefore being forfited by the Negligence of the Grantees, must return into the hands of the Proprietors.

That Your Memorilest have a Number of friends & Acquaintance who having large families & being desirous to provide for them in the farming way would in all likelyhood, make a speedy settlement of Lands which are inviting & of good Quality.

That there is danger least a delay of a grant should disappoint the plan of a speedy settlement, as the principle undertakers of said settlement are in Such circumstances that they must speedily fix where to settle, & if they should be otherwise provided for, Your Memorilests would be in danger of delaying the Settlement proposed—

Therefore Your Memorialests humbly pray that You would be pleased to Grant to Your Memorilests & their Associates, the township of Land lying within the Curve line or Masons Grant called ALEXANDRIA or that called DANTZICK if they shall appear on

enquiery to be vacated, or any other good Township of Land within Your purchase, on the most easy & beneficial terms, which in Your Wisdom & goodness You shall see meet.

And Your Memorilests as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Dated Portsmouth Sept[r] 16, 1769— Nath[l] Whitaker
Ralph Wheelock

[*Petition of Jonas Minot*, 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 14.]

To the Hon[ble] Theodore Atkinson Esq[r] and others Purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esq[r's] Patent

The humble Petition of Jonas Minot for himself and in Behalf of others shews—

That on the 24th Instant he prefered a Petition praying the Grant of a Tract of Land call'd Hereford but being disappointed, of that, is desirous of some other Tract within your Claim and particularly of that commonly called Parry's Town or Elexandria or Hidleburg or Heidelbourgh upon such Conditions & Resevations as shall be hereafter agreed on—

Portsm[o] June 28th 1771 Jonas Minot

[*Petition of Benjamin Whiting*, 1771.]

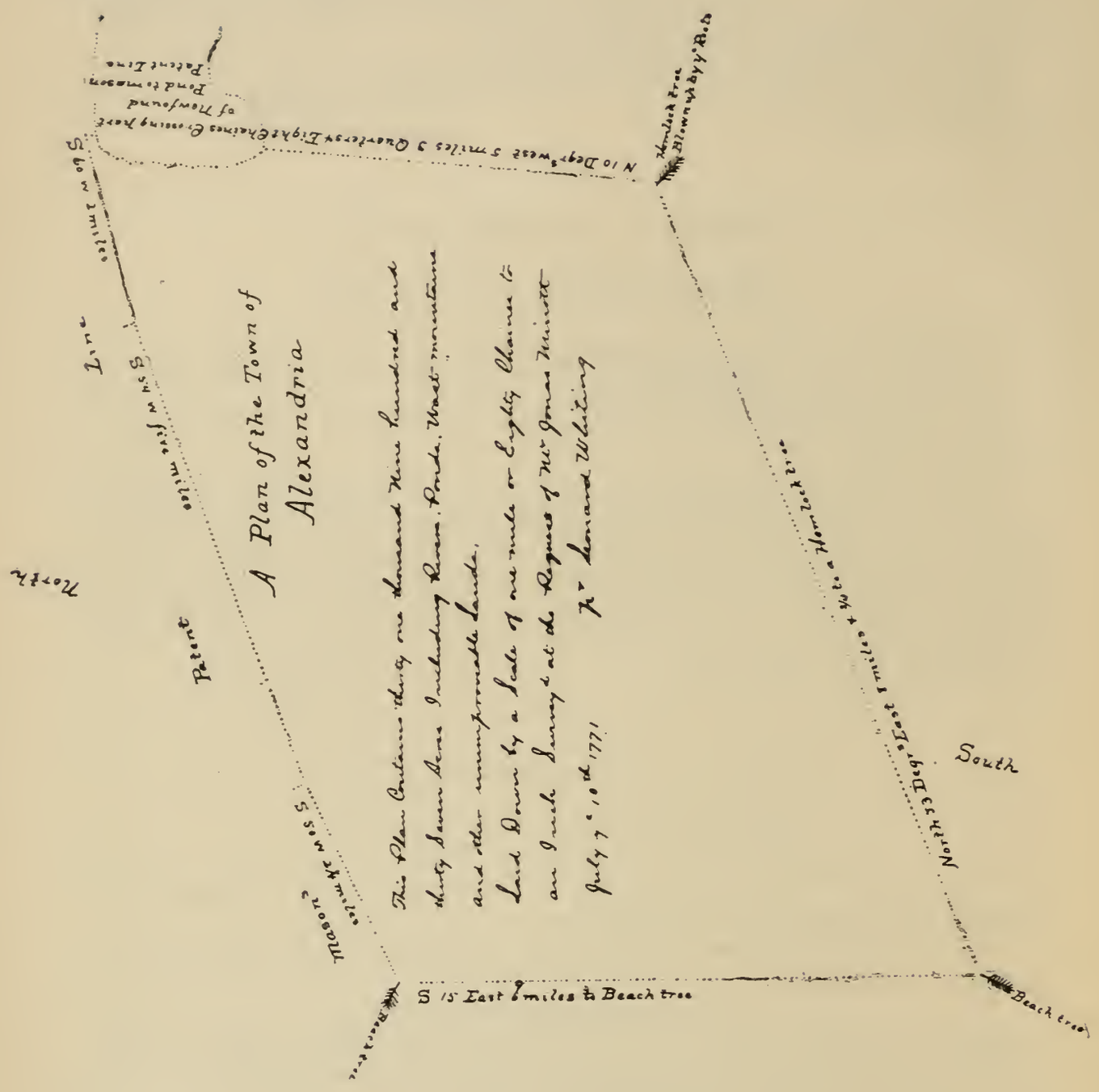
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 15.]

To the Hon[ble] Theodore Atkinson Esq[r] and others Purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esq[r's] Patent—

The humble Petition of Benjamin Whiting for himself and in Behalf of others shews—

That they are desirous of cultivating & Settling some of your unimproved Lands within your Claim and particularly that Tract of Land heretofore called Alexandria joining to New Chester and the Curve Line upon Smith's River, upon such Conditions Limitations & Reservations as shall be agreed on—

Portsm[o] June 28th 1771– Benj[a] Whiting


A Plan of the Town of
Alexandria
This Plan Contains thirty one thousand Nine hundred and
thirty Seven Acres Including Rivers, Ponds, Wast mountains
and other unimproveable Lands.
Laid Down by a Scale of one mile or Eighty Chaines to
an Inch Surveyd at the Request of Mr Jonas Minott
July 7th 10th 1771
Mr Leonard Whiting
North
Patent
Line
Mason's
South
Beach tree
S 15 East 6 miles to Beach tree
Beach tree
North 33 Degrs East 8 miles + 1/10 to a Hemlock tree
Hemlock tree
Blown up by y° Bots
N 10 Degrs west 5 miles 3 Quarters + Eight Chaines Crossing part of Newfound Pond to mason Patent Line
S 60 W 2 miles
S 15 W 1 miles

[*Petition of John Tolford and Daniel Rindge*, 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 16.]

Province of — } To the Proprietors of the Patent called
New Hampshire } Mason's Patent in said Province—

The Humble Petition of John Talford and Daniel Rindge In behalf of themselves & others Proprietors of the Township of Alexandria in Said Province Shews—

That the said Proprietors of the said Township have Done a Considerable part of the duty Incumbent on them according to their Charter tho' perhaps not so Soon as the Conditions of their Charter required yet as fast as considering the Impediments they met with was feasible and in Settling new Townships there are always accidents & events unforeseen that retard the progress of that work—but in this case the Proprietors will be able soon to Accomplish the whole having been at all or the Principle part of the Cost & Charge necessary and the lots woud have been Cleard up fit for Tillage had not the Season been uncommonly wet—

That your Petitioners have been Informd that Some others have been Soliciting to obtain a New grant of Said Lands with the fruits of the Labour of your Petitioners without regarding the Injustice which would in that Case be done—But your Petitioners hope in your wisdom & Prudence as well as justice to prevent the Damage that woud Accrew to all parties Concernd to have instead of Improving the lands a dispute and wrangle about the Title—For your Petitioners in justice to themselves cannot think of giving up their Labour to the new grantees (if any Such should appear) without Compulsion and what claim coud be made by Such grant while your Petitioners were in Open Possession is Submitted to your wise Consideration—That as the whole duty of your Petitioners is so nearly accomplishd they humbly hope you will Suffer them to proceed without disturbance which will be most advantagious to all parties & they Shall Pray &c

John Tolford
Daniel Rindge

[*Improvements in Alexandria*, 1771.]

[Extract from Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 49.]

[torn] the 22 Day of July 1771 the Famelies in the Place Called Alexandria & the Improvements Made their & ye Lots workt on

Nathan Corlis Housen 1—Famely 1—years 1—Months 1—Acres

Improved 17 Cheifly maddow—Acres Cut 2—year—month 1—No 14 —Division 1—under whom or whom Drawn by, william Baley—

[torn] Corley Housen 1—Famely 1—years 1—Months 1—Acres Improved 12 Partly meddow—Acres Cut 2—year—month 1—No 23 —Division 1—under whom or whom Drawn by, william Baley—

Joseph Basford Housen 1—himself Liveing Cheefly in the Place 1 year 3 acres—

Non resident—

Robert McMurphy 1 Camp—Acres Improved 1½—Acres Cut 5—

John Tolford Laid Some Logues togather in June Last which he Calls a House—Acres Cut 3 Cheefly Done this Summer—

James Molton Cut about 5 acres of Trees Last Summer Built a Camp or House—

Cristopher Bartlet Has Cut Down a few Trees within about a month—

Robert Foresaith Cut Down Trees about two Howers work a few Days Since—

William Powel Has Cut Down a few Trees Has a few Beens Corn & Taytors Planted Last fall & this Spring he Began to Cut—

Edmond Buswell & John Buswell Cut a few Trees Last fall—

Hastin & Rowel have Done the Same—

Jeremiah Lad Cut down about 4 acres of Trees & Planted a Little Corn—

Anthony Taylor Cut Trees Last fall & this Spring Near 4 acres Planted a few Taytors—

Wm Morrow Cut a few Trees & in this Present July Laid Some Logues togather which he Calls a House—

Daniel McMurphey Cut a few Trees Last fall—

Joshua Tolford Cut Some Trees & Laid Some Logues togather Last weak & this—

the whole of the Land Now Improveable Exclusive of what Jonathan Corlis Moses Corlis & Joseph Basford Have Done Dos Not appear to us to be more than about four acres by the Best information we had

July the 27th 1771 the above Return and the accounts of the Housen Persons Liveing in and the Improvements maid in Each and Every of the Places Called Alexandria Newchester Newbriton Perrys Town & Herreford are according to the Best accounts I Had from the Inhabitants of those Plases to gather with my own observations on Many of the S^{d} Improvements Excepting one Famely I was tould Lived in the Place Called Hereford and are according to my Best Judgment which is humbly Submitted

℔^{r} Jonas Minott

Derryfield July the 27 1771 this may Certify that we weare Present with Jonas Minott the whole of the above mentioned Days and weare assisting in the Takeing the afore mentioned accounts of the above mentioned Places & that we Saw him Take the above Journall and that it is True according to our Best Judgment

Cutting favour
Samuel Atkinson

Provence of Newhampshir } Derryfield July 27th 1771
County of Hillsborough Ss } Personal appeared the above named Jonas Minott & Cutting Favour & Samuel Atkinson & maid Solemn oath to the above Return by them Respectively Signed and that it Just and True according to The above Return

Sworn Befor John Goffe Justice of Peace

Agreable to a Vote of the Propriety, Impowering us to Employ a Person to take an Account of Settlers &c in the Towns of New Chester, Alexandria, Hidlebourgh, Parrys Town, New Brittan, & to make a legal Entry on the same in behalf of the Propriety, We do present the Above Acco't & Reentry to the Propriety as our Return—

Portsmouth 15th August 1771

J Fisher
Wm Whipple } Committee
Peter Pearse

[*Proprietors' Reservations and Conditions of Settlement in Alexandria*, 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 17.]

Grantors Rights	Divisions			Settlers in Alexandria		Divisions.		
	1st	2	3d			1st	2	3d
John Moffatt Esqr	9	45	38	now Residents—				
John Wentworth	46	60	30	Jona Corlis } to Willm		14	51	23
Thos Wallingsford Esqr	8	22	28			½23	66	
Meserve & others	62	52	½ of 16	Morris Corlis } Bayley		68		
Geo: Jaffrey Esqr	36	54	18	Joseph Bastford		1 Right	——	
Blank — — —	55	9	½3					
Thomlinson & Mason	60	4	½2	Non Residents—				
Solly & March	71	43		Robt McMurphy		6	68	13
	½12			ditto		5	13	
Willm Parker Esqr	34	8	51	James Moulton	1	Lott of	100	Acres
Joshua Peirce Esqr	15	69	21	Cristopher Bartlett	1	Lott	do	
Ricd Wibird Esqr	4	56	29	Willm Powell	1	Lott	do	
John Rindge	58	35	½3	Edmd & Jno Buswell	1	do	do	
Pierce and Moore	31	41		Haskin & Rowell	1	do	do	
	½25			Jeremiah Lad	1	do	do	
Joseph Blanchard Esqr	66	73		Anthony Taylor	1	do	do	
	77			Willm Morrow	1	do	do	
Jotham Odiorne Esqr	45	44	5	Danl McMurphey	1	do	do	
Theodore Atkinson Esqr	61	67	17	Danl Young	1	do	do	
Mathew Livermore	33	48	35	Majr Tolferd 2 Rights				
Mark Hs Wentworth Esq	54	40	15	for himself and Sons				
Blank	27	24	27					
Thomas Packer Esqr	32	21	6					

the Above Rights & Lotts to be Reserved to the Proprietors as they now Stand the Proprietors Reserving to them selves, two Lotts more to Each Proprietor, to be equally drawn for, which will make 30 Lotts 40 Familys to be Settled in 3 Years, 15 within one Year, with proper Houses & 3 Acres of Land Cleared to each Settler. 2d Year 10 Familys more on the same terms as the first Settlers, 3d Year 15 Familys more, on same terms, the whole Constantly to reside there and Continue to make Improvements for Seven Years from the date—a Convenient House for Public Worship to be Built in 4 Years, and constant Preaching 1 Right for the first Minister, 1 Right for the Ministry, 1 Right for the School, a Grist Mill & a Saw Mill to be built in 18 Months a Publick Road to be Cleared through the Town towards Connecticut River, in 1 Year—the Proprietors Rights & Lotts to be free from duty til Improved—a bond to be give of £500 Lawf Mony for the Performance of the Conditions Portsmo Augt 16th 1771—

Octr 4th memo to have an Answer from Mr Minot & Mr Talford the 14th Novr

Portsmo Novr 1th 1771 Voted–that when the Proprietors are ready to make a grant to Jonas Minot &c of a tract of land called alexandria, that it be made on ye terms written on ye other Side—

Geo: Jaffrey Proprs Cl

[*William Bailey's Claim to Lots in Alexandria*, 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 19.]

Portsmouth October 3rd 1771

My Lords I Should have Laid my Claim yesterday to five Rights in Alexandria But I hapned to be out of the Entry when major Tolferld was Called into the Room by Lordship, and when He Came out there Seamd to be Some Heat—

But Now I Would Give your Lordships a true accont of the pretentions I have to five Rights in Said alexandria On the Thirteenth Day of february 1761 I purchased the Said five Rights of one Robert Fletcher Junr of Donstable for which five Rights He Receved 313 Dollers & ⅓. Every penny in money then paid Down. Then I with The Rest of the propritors in the year 63: & 64 Laid out the Said town ship into Lotts for which Servis I paid Eight pound ten shillings Lawfull mony for my five Rights Then Immediatly to Encourage the Settlement of Said Twon I Gave a Number of wrightings under my Hand Sufficiently Drawn all of one tenour and Date and

sent them to all the uper Towns for the Encouragement of Settlers the Contents were That I would Give as a bounty to any three persons that would undertake the Setlement of Said five Rights three Lotts of Land in Said Town and further I would Give three Barrils of pork 3 Do of Beaf & 3 of Bread and one Barrill of Rum But None apeord to Settle on those terms then I agred to Give the pick of any one Lott for the Setlement of one Right and Engagd one Mr Dan[l] Young to Settle one Right for which I Gave him a Deed of Lott Nomber 4. in the 3rd Division he went the Same year on to said Lot and was there Near three weeks in the town falling trees when he was able all alome and Very Sick part of the time. yet as young was Not properrly assisted with other Setlers He Growd Discouraged and Give his Right to Jeremiah Lad. provided I Would take Lads Security for the Setlement of Said Right and by His Desire I Did Transfer the Security from young to Lad. and the Said Lad took the Risque to himself whether young Had fully Complyd with the Chrter or Not (the transfering of the Security has been within theis year) in april 1769 I agred with one Jonathan Corless and Engaged him to settle one Right for which I Engaged him Lot N° 14 in the first Division June following I Engaged mooses Corless and Engagd him ½ Lott 23 in Said Division they Both imediatly moved on with their familys and there Continue, and then Last Spring one mr John Bartlet Came to me and Said he Had Sons that Wanted to settle in Said town I Gave him the Number of all my twelve Lotts and promised to Give them Either Two of Said Lotts if he would Settle the two Remaining Rights in May I Saw the Said Bartlet He Says his Sons was Gone into Said town to Live I then told him if his Sons would Settle on my Rights I Would Give him fifty acres more to Encourage him being then old. and Since I Here that the Said Bartlets are on my Lots but I Cannot Say but true it is that one of them is in the town—

I Cannot tell what I Could have Done more to Encourage any Setlement than I have without I had gone my self—but my occupation Did Not allow of that—But I Here by mr minot that your Lordships Have Voted that town to him with some Reservations) This is a true Relation and I Submitt to any Reasonable or Rational person to Judge of the Justice of my Claim to the five Rights in Said Alexandria—I am your Lordships Humble Ser[t]

William Bayley

To the purchasers of John Tuften mason Esqr[s] Right to the province of Newhampsher

[*Jonas Minot to the Proprietors, about Alexandria*, 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 20.]

Honred Sirs I Proceeded to Alexandria to Put on Setlers found that All Major Tolfords Pretences to Settle with us weare a peice of Deceit he wos Endeavouring to Possess him Self of the Town Encourageing himself and oathers that when that is Done they will be Safe and Shure to Hold the Town I made Proclamation that all People that would then Ingage to Settle in that Place under the Proprietors the origenall Grantors Should be Received as their Setlers and Have one hundred acres to Each Setler their Performing Duty &c where uppon Jonathan Corless Moses Corless Joseph Basford William Corless James Taylor Jonathan Taylor Asa Hasting all Entered into written obligation to Settle under us & Timothy Stevens & Nathaniel Bartlet Signed for our Setlers but I found my Self Nessietated to wright a Line praying you to Give them a Title for Tolfords & Macmurphy Sons weare Present to use Every meens they Could to Prevent any Person Setling under the Grantors telling the People they Should undoubtedly Hold the Town that they Should Sew those that Setled under us that their Charter wos Not out that the Proprietors Could Not Take the Town from them that they had the advise of Good attorneys or attorney they made a mere Laugh of the Proprietors Pretences to Sew them Said they would Endemnify All Persons who would Go on under them Proceeded then to Cutting Roads in Alexandria & I have Not Time at Present Pirticularly to Acquaint your Honours with the one half of their ways to Discourage your Setlers I have a Number of People whow will Go on but Expect that I Save them Harmeless & if you think Best to Impower me to Give a Deed to Setlers & Indemnify them I Can Carry on Settlements with Grator Sucsess & if you Dont Give Stevens & Bartlett a Deed tis Provable you will Sattisfie them that they Shall have one—tis Said that my Takeing Possession of the Town as I did by Virtue of your Power of Attorney Did Not Reinstate you in the Lawfull Possession their of that you must Reject the Setlers or Reject the Grantees out—that the Power wos Not Legally Executed it wos Signed by your Committee and witnessed by James Stoodley & James Stoodley Juner Gentlemen if you Should Critecise on these things or Take the opinnion of an attorney I Should be Glad to hear the Result & if you Should forward the writs up So that they are Served Soon it may be for the Best I am under the Disagreeable Nesesity to Certify that Robert foesaith of Newchester In September Last Trespasset on Lot No 2 in the first Division witnesses Benjamin Shaw of Cordegan William Heath of Rumley—also Robert Mcmur-

phey on Lot No 13 in the first Division witnesses John McMurphey & Robert McMurphey Juner all of London Dery. I am hapily Prevented Sending you an account of two more Trespasses Done which are Like to be Setled I Pray to Hear from you by the Next Post as I have People who want to go on but want to Know Something further & if you would have me Come to Portsmouth I Shall Instantly Come at your motion the People I Put on have the Promise to be Served and are Something ferefull of the Consiquencies these from Gentlemen your most Obedient Humble Servant

Concord November the 28 1771 Jonas Minot

N B Cor[ll] Thornton Has advised for Going on under Tolford tells that then they will be Safe Has thretned In Case of Nonconformity I Just Now heard that they are Sending Som famelys in to Alexandria to winter their—yours &c

any thing Sent by the Post to me may be Left with Mr Samuel Minot Gould Smith in Boston

To the Honnourable George Jaffrey Esqr at Portsmouth to Be Communicated to the Committee appointed to Imploy any Person to Put on Setlers in alexandria In New hampshire

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[*Conditions of Settlement of Alexandria*, 1772.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 21.]

Whereas the Proprietors of Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq[r] called Mason's Patent situate in the Province of New-Hampshire, by their Grant bearing date March y[e] 13th A D 1767—convey'd to Joseph Butterfield jun[r] and others therein ment[d] a certain Tract of Land within the Bounds of s[d] Patent, called Alexandria —upon certain conditions in said Grant specified to be performed on the part of s[d] Grantees—which Conditions not being performed the Grantors re-entered on the same Lands as by virtue of said Conditions they lawfully might and thereby became legally seized and possessed of s[d] Lands, as tho' the same had never been granted. And Whereas the said Grantors at the instance of us the subscribers have agreed to Re-grant to Jonas Minott of Concord in the County of Middlesex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay Gentleman—one moiety of the Land aforesaid, and the other moiety thereof to the former Grantees of s[d] Alexandria. both of s[d] moieties upon the Terms, Conditions, limitations and reservations to be Mentioned in said new Grant—viz[t]. The proprietors to reserve to themselves Twenty Rights in s[d] Alex-

andria, reserv^{d} to s^{d} Grantors, numbered, and severed by, and in Consequence of said former Grant, and also Thirty unsettled Lots already Dotted and numbered to be drawn for by said Grantors at Portsmouth in s^{d} Province within fourteen days after the Return of the plan herein after-mentioned. The said Grantees to settle Forty Families within three years from the date of the new Grant—Fifteen in one year with proper Houses and Three Acres of Land cleared to each Settler—Ten Families the second year on the same terms. Fifteen Families the Third Year, the Terms as before ment^{d}. The whole constantly to Reside on s^{d} Lands and continue to make improvements on the same for seven Years from the date of s^{d} Grant last mentioned

Said Grantees are also to build, within Four Years from s^{d} date a convenient House for Public Worship—and to maintain a Minister who shall constantly on Sabbath days preach in the same.—One Right in s^{d} Alexandria to be given to the first Minister—and one Right to the stated ministry, also one Right to the School.—A Grist Mill & Saw Mill to be built within Eighteen Months from the date of s^{d} new Grant. A public Road to be cleared thro' said Alexandria towards Connecticut River in one Year And the said Grantors Rights & Lots to be free from duty 'till improved. And Whereas the said Grantors have further agreed to grant to the said Jonas Minott one moiety of another Tract of Land hereafter described, and to the said Grantees the other moiety thereof upon the Terms, conditions, limitations & reservations in this agreement after mentioned—s^{d} Land to be bounded as follows vizt Beginning at the westerly corner of said Alexandria, upon the curve line, and following the said line until it comes to the Northerly Corner of Fisher's Field. Then from the Southerly Corner of said Alexandria running in a strait as nearly parrallel as possible to the said Curve line, until it strikes the Northerly side line of Parry's Town, Then following s^{d} line of Parry's Town 'till it comes to the northerly line of Fisher's Field, then follow^{g} the said line of Fisher's Field, 'till you strike the Curve line at the second mentioned Bound. Except that in Case the lines of any former granted lands, sh^{d} interfere with the lower or second line before mentioned then to go round s^{d} other lines 'till it gets into the former Course.

S^{d} Terms, Conditions, Limitations, & Reservations are as follow. vizt One third part of the last described Lands to be reserved to the Grantor's use which Land shall be held by them free of all Taxes and Charges whatsoever that may arise concerning the Roads, Buildings, Ministry, Settlements and other public affairs whatsoever, until their said reserved Lands shall be improved, and then only the par-

ticular lot So improved to be liable. And all the white Pine Trees fit for his Majesty's use growing on s^{d} Premises, be also reserved for that use.

And said Grantees to have Forty families on every Twenty thousand acres in s^{d} last mentioned Land & in the same proportion for a greater or less quantity of Land And all the Setlers to be got on and reside on said Lands, within three years from the Return of the Plan of s^{d} last Tract of Land Which being supposed of an Oblong Form shall be divided in the Center, into two Parishes, and that in each Parish shall be laid out in the centre thereof, or as near as may be, a Lot in a square form cont^{g} at least ten acres, for a Burying yard, Training Field Meeting House, and other public uses forever And nearly adjoining to s^{d} Lot another of One hundred and fifty acres for the use of a Public School forever. Also another Lot of One hundred and fifty acres for the use of the first settled Minister forever.—Another adjoin'g thereto of One hundred and fifty acres for the use of the ministry forever.—And that a House for Public Worship of Thirty six feet square at least shall be built on the s^{d} Ten acre Lot within Three years after the date of said Grant.—That a Saw Mill and Grist Mill shall be built in Three years after the date of said Grant in last ment^{d} Land. That the said Alexandria & last ment^{d} Land shall be surveyed by a Person appointed by the Grantors, the Charge thereof to be borne by the said Grantees, and a plan, upon oath returned to the Grantors of the same, by the first day of June next.—S^{d} last ment^{d} Land to be divided by the said Surveyor, at the Grantees Expence, into equal Lots—every twenty thousand Acres to Contain One hundred and twenty Lots to be return'd with the Plan aforesaid. And if at the Expiration of three years from the date of the Grant any of said Lots required by the Grant to be settled, shall be found unsettled and without a resident Family thereon, such Lots shall be forfeited to and for the use of the said Grantors.—The duty of settlement is understood to be—That upon each settling Lot is to be built a dwelling House, equal to Sixteen feet square, and six Acres improved in mowing, tillage and under Fence.—And that within fourteen days after the Return of the Plan of Survey of the Lots in s^{d} last mentioned Land shall be drawn at Portsmouth according to Custom in the presence and under the direction of the Grantors.—And in consideration of the premises, we promise & engage to give a Bond to the s^{d} Grantors in the penal Sum of Five hundrd Pounds L M^{y} conditioned for the performance of Terms aforesaid.—And it is further agreed, that in Case said last Tract of Land upon the Return of the Plan and Survey thereof should appear not so good in quality as the neighbouring Towns in general, then s^{d} Grant-

ors shall not exact s[d] forty families to be settled in manner afores[d] but shall abate that Number in proportion to s[d] last Land appearing to be deficient in quality afores[d]—

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands the 25th day Sept[r] A D 1772—

Test J Pickering J[r]

D Peirce
D Rogers
John Penhallow
W[m] Whipple
} Committee

[*Grant of Alexandria to Jonas Minot and Others*, 1773.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, July 7, 1773.]

Province of New Hamp[r] Portsmouth July 7th 1773 Wednesday five of the Clock afternoon at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq[r] Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas the Said Proprietors by their Grant bearing date March 13th 1767 conveyed to Joseph Butterfeild jun[r] and others therein mention'd a certain tract of Land situate within the bounds of the Pattent Line, in the Province of New Hampshire called Alexandria, upon certain conditions in said Grant specified, to be performed on the part of said Grantees, which Conditions not being peformed, the Grantors reenter'd into the same Lands, as by virtue of said conditions They Lawfully might and thereby became Legally seized and possessed of the said Lands, as tho' the same had never been granted. And Whereas the said Proprietors by the desire of Jonas Minot of Concord in the County of Middlesex, Gentleman, Jonathan Bagley Esq. and William Bailey Gentleman both of Almsbury in the County of Essex, and all in the province of the Massachusetts Bay, Matthew Thornton Esq & Robert M[c]Murphy Gent[m] both of Londonderry John Talford Esq. William Talford Gent[m] both of Chester, Daniel Rindge of Portsmouth Esq all in the County of Rockingham & Province of New Hampshire, and Joshua Talford of New Chester in the County of Grafton and Province last mention'd husbandman, Have agreed to grant said tract of Land situate in the County of Grafton and Province of New Hampshire, to the said Minot, Bagley, Bailey, Thornton, M[c]Murphy, John Talford, William Talford, Rindge & Joshua, the one moiety of said Lands to the said Minot, and the other moiety thereof to the said Bagley Bailey, Thornton, M[c]Murphy, John Talford, William Talford, Rindge and Joshua Talford, which said Last Moiety is to be granted to the said Bagley Bailey, Thornton, M[c]Murphy John Talford,

William Talford, Rindge & Joshua Talford, in proportion to the Rights and Shares they owned under said forfeited Grant, and the whole of the Land herein after granted to be upon the conditions, Limitations & reservations herein after mention'd, Therefore VOTED That there be and hereby is granted, to the said Minot his Heirs and assigns forever, the one moiety of the after mention'd Lands according to quantity and Quality, and the other moiety thereof to the said Bagley, Bailey, Thornton, McMurphy, John Talford, William Talford, Rindge & Joshua Talford, and to their respective Heirs & Assigns, in Proportion to the rights and Shares owned by them under said Grant, Viz^{t} to the said Matthew Thornton Twelve forty ninths of the said Moiety Last mention'd, to the said Jonathan Bagley five forty ninths, to the said William Bailey five forty ninths, to the said John Talford Seven forty ninths, and one third, to the said William Talford Eight forty ninths & one third, to the said Robert McMurphy eight forty ninths and one third, to the said Daniel Rindge two forty ninths, and to the said Joshua Talford one forty ninth part of said Last moiety, the tract of Land hereby granted is bounded as follows vizt—begining at a Maple tree in Masons Pattent Line about forty rods from Newfound Pond, thence runing over part of said Pond South twelve degrees East five miles and an half more or Less to the place where a Hemlock tree formerly stood, and marked for the easterly corner bound of Alexandria, from thence South fifty three degrees West about eight and half miles more or Less to a Beach tree marked, from thence North twelve degrees West, four and half Miles more or Less to the Pattent Line aforemention'd, from thence easterly on said Line to the Place first mention'd Excepting and reserving out of said tract of Land the Rights & Lotts herein after mention'd, which are hereby expressly reserved for the use of said Grantors their heirs and Assigns forever, Viz^{t}—Lot Number Nine in the first, forty five in the second & thirty eight in the third Division, in said Alexandria, Lot number thirty two in the first twenty one in the second, and Six in the third division, Lot number forty six in the first, sixty in the second, thirty in the third division, Lot number eight in the first, twenty two in the second, Twenty eight in the third division, Lot number sixty two in the first, fifty two in the second, & one half N^{o} Sixteen in the third Division, Lot thirty six in the first, fifty four in the second eighteen in the third Division, Lot Number fifty five in the first, nine in the second half of N^{o} three in the third Division, Lot Number Sixty in the first, four in the second, half of Lot Number two in the third division, Lot number seventy one in the first, and half of Number Twelve in the first, forty three in the second division, Lot number thirty four

in the first eight in the second, fifty one in the third division, Lot Number fifteen in the first, Sixty nine in the second, twenty one in the third division, Lot number four in the first, fifty six in the second, twenty nine in the third division, Lot number fifty Eight in the first, thirty five in second, half of three in the third division, Lot number thirty one, & half of twenty five in the first, forty one in the second division, Lot Number forty five in the first forty four in the second five in the third division, Lot number sixty one in the first, sixty seven in the second, seventeen in the third division, Lot number thirty three in the first, forty eight in the second, thirty five in the third division, Lot Number fifty four in the first, forty in the second, fifteen in the third Division, Lot number twenty seven in the first, twenty four in the second, twenty seven in the third division, Lot number sixty six in the first, seventy three in the second, Seventy seven in the first division, according as the same Lotts were numbered and entered in a Schedule by said proprietors under the said Grant of Alexandria, as will fully appear by reference had to said Schedule, and also the Lotts following are reserved to said Proprietors under this Grant, vizt Lott Number fourteen in the second division, number thirty four in third division, number twenty three in second Division, Number seventy in first division, Number Sixty four in first division, Number eight in third division, number fifteen in second division, Lot number twelve in third division, number ten in first division, number thirty three in third division, number Sixty one in second division, number forty one in first division, number twenty eight in first division, Number one in third division, number twenty seven in second division, number sixty nine in first division, number twenty nine in first division, number seventy six in first division, number forty in first division, number Eleaven in the first division, number Seven in third division, number forty nine in third division, number forty eight in first division, number Eighty one in first division, number thirty one in third division, number twenty two in third division, number seventy nine in first division, number six in second division, number forty seven in third division, and number seventy eight in first division—

To Have & Hold the said Premises, except what is herein reserved to them the said Jonas Minott, Jonathan Bagley, William Bailey, Matthew Thornton, John Talford, William Talford, Robert McMurphy, Daniel Rindge & Joshua Talford, their Heirs & Assigns forever in manner and proportion as aforesaid upon the Terms, conditions, Limitations & Reservations following vizt—That twenty rights in said Tract of Land are hereby expressly reserved to said Grantors, numbered & severed in consequence of said former Grant,

and Also thirty unsettled Lotts, already Lotted & Numbered as aforesaid—That said Grantees shall settle upon said Granted Lands forty Families within three years from the date of this Grant, fifteen in one year, With proper houses built thereon, and three acres of Land cleared to each settler, Ten Families the second year on the same terms, fifteen families the third year on the Terms before mention'd, The whole shall constantly reside on said Land, and continue to make improvements on the same for seven years from the date of this Grant, That said Grantees shall within four years from the date hereof build a Convenient house for the Publick Worship of God, and Maintain a Minister who shall constantly on Sabath days preach in the same, That three of the aforesaid Rights besides those already Reserved, shall be and hereby are granted free from charge, One for the first settled Minister, One for the Ministry, and One for a school there forever—That a Gristmill & Saw Mill shall be built by said Grantees within eighteen months from the date hereof; a Publick road be cleared through said Land towards Connecticutt River in one year, and that the said Grantors Rights and Lotts aforemention'd be free from Duty untill improved Provided that said Grantees or any of them, shall Neglect to perform the conditions on his and their part to be performed according to the true Spirit and meaning of the terms upon which this Grant is made, then and in such Case it shall and may be Lawfull for the Grantors their heirs and Assigns, by themselves or attorney duly appointed to Reenter into each & every such delinquent Grantees Right or Rights, Lott or Lotts & become reseised & repossessed thereof, as tho' this Grant had never been made—And further all White Pine trees on Said Tract of Land fit for Masting His Majesty's Royal Navy be and hereby are granted to his Majesty his heirs & Successors forever—

Voted Also That there be and hereby is granted unto the beforenamed Jonas Minott, Jonathan Bagley, William Bailey, John Talford, William Talford, Matthew Thornton, Robert McMurphy, Daniel Rindge and Joshua Talford, on the Terms, conditions, Limitations & reservations herein after exprest, a Certain tract of Land situate in the County of Hillsborough & Province of New Hampshire, bounded as follows vizt begining at the Southwesterly Corner of Alexandria aforesaid on the Patent Line, and Runing on said Pattent Line to Fishersfield Corner, in Great Sunnipe Pond, from thence East, on the Northerly side Line of Fishersfield, four hundred seventy two Rods to Parrys Town Corner, then North eighty five degrees East about four miles to a beach tree marked, on Parrystown Line, from thence North

thirty nine degrees East, about Sixteen hundred & seventy two rods to a beach tree marked in Alexandria Corner, from thence North twelve degrees West to the Pattent Line aforemention'd on the westerly side of said Alexandria, To Have & to Hold to the said Minot his heirs & assigns forever the one moiety of said Land, and to the said Jonathan Bagley, William Bailey, John Talford, William Talford, Matthew Thornton, Robert McMurphy, Daniel Rindge, & Joshua Talford, and to their respective heirs and Assigns forever, the other Moiety thereof, according to their respective Rights and shares in said Alexandria, upon the following Terms, Conditions, Limitations & Reservations, That is to Say, That one third Part of said Land, is hereby reserved to the said Grantors, their heirs and assigns forever—Viz^{t} Lott Number 74, N° 40, N° 128, N° 38, N° 49, N° 122, N° 24, N° 94, N° 119, N° 121, N° 70, N° 95, N° 58, N° 10, N° 50, N° 36, N° 55, N° 67, N° 136, N° 126, N° 3, N° 84, N° 125, N° 17, N° 42, N° 29, N° 61, N° 90, N° 18, N° 37, N° 83, N° 102, N° 120, N° 43, N° 92, N° 118, N° 4, N° 106, N° 19, N° 14, N° 71, N° 7, N° 15, N° 39 & N° 46, and two Lotts in the Plan return'd of said Tract, a third of which said two Lotts is reserved to said Grantors, and belongs to their said third part, of said Land, besides the particular Lotts beforemention'd, which said reserved third part shall be held by said Grantors, free from all Taxes, and charges whatever, that may arise concerning the Roads, buildings, Ministry, settlements and other Publick affairs, whatever, untill the Grantors Lands shall be improved, & then only the particular Lott so improved, shall be Liable, and all the white Pine trees fit for his Majesty's Use, for Masting his Royal Navy, growing on said Premises are hereby reserved for that Use.—That said Grantees shall have thirty Families on every twenty thousand Acres on said Tract hereby granted, and so in the same proportion for a greater or Less quantity of Land, and all the Settlers to be got on and reside on said Land within three years from the date of this Grant, which tract of Land being supposed of an Oblong form, shall be divided in the Centre into two Parishes, and that in each Parish shall be Laid out in the center thereof, or as near as may be, a Lot in a square form, containing at Least ten Acres, for a Burying Yard, Training Field, Meeting house and other Publick Uses forever, And nearly adjoyning to said Lot, another of one hundred & fifty Acres, for the use of a Publick School, also another Lott of One hundred & fifty Acres, for the use of the first settled Minister forever, another Lott adjoyning thereto of one hundred & fifty acres for the use of the Ministry forever, That said Grantees build an house for Publick Worship, of thirty Six feet square at Least On said ten Acre Lot within three years from the date hereof and Also within that time

shall build a Saw Mill and Grist Mill, and if any Grantee or Grantees, in three years from this date, shall not settle the Number of Families required to be settled, by this Grant in proportion to his Right or Share in said Land, such delinquent Grantee or Grantees shall forfeit to said Grantors their heirs and assigns so much of such delinquents Right or shares in said Land, as shall amount to one thirtieth part of the whole of said Grant, for the use of said Grantors, as if this Grant had never been made, and it shall be Lawfull for them their Heirs & Assigns, or their attorney duly appointed to reenter into any such Rights or Lands and become reseised & repossessed of the same, The Duty of Settlement is hereby meant, that upon each settling Lott there shall be built a dwelling house equal to sixteen feet square, and six Acres improved in Mowing, Tillage and under fence,—That within Ninety days from this date, the Lotts of said Grantees, shall be drawn or divided, and a Schedule of the Numbers returned to the said Grantors within that time, with a List of the settling Lotts, & the Lotts thereto belonging, and that said Grantees within said ninety days, shall Vote an Acceptance of both said Grants, and make a record of such Acceptance,—The Land in said Tract given to the abovenamed William Bailey is to be understood as granted to him, upon this condition, that in case he consent to take his part given in said Alexandria, as in the Grant thereof *of even date with this*, and to draw for the share given herein to him, in Proportion to his Right or Share before mention'd, Then he shall be intitled to what is herein given to him, otherwise the same is hereby granted, to the other Grantees and to their heirs and Assigns in the same Proportion as the other Lands herein given them,—That each Grantee Shall give to the Grantors Bonds in the penal sum of five hundred pounds Lawfull Money in the whole, for the performance of the said terms and conditions of Settlement according to this Grant, which Bonds shall be given within three months in proportion to each Grantee's Right in said Lands, and if any Grantee or Grantees, shall refuse or neglect to sign such Bonds within that time, his or their Rights or Shares, shall be forfeited for the use of the Grantees who shall sign such bond, To Hold to them their Heirs & assigns in Proportion to each Grantees Right in said Grant—

[*Proprietors' Reservations in Alexandria*, 1773.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, July 14, 1773, and Masonian Papers, Vol 5, p. 22.]

Province of New Hampsh^{r}—Portsmouth July 14th 1773 Wednesday three of the Clock afternoon at the dwelling house of James

Stoodly Esqr Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjournment——

Whereas the Proprietors, at their Meeting held on the 7th day of July 1773 passed a Grant to Jonas Minot Jonathan Bagley William Bayley Matthew Thornton and others, of a tract of land called Alexandria described and bounded in Said Grant, and in which Grant Twenty Rights or Shares in Said Tract of land are reserved and described by the numbers of the Lots for the use of the Grantors, and were drawn by Lot in Common with the Lotts of the Grantees of a former Grant, and Severed to each Proprietor as by a Schedule of the Drafts of the Lots—but said former Grant being forfeited to the Grantors and they having resumed and reentered the Land in their former Estate—and as the appropriation to each Proprietors right, to the said twenty shares reserved, is not particularly expressed in their Grant and Reservation—which passed the Seventh day of July 1773—Therefore Voted that the Said twenty Rights or Shares be and hereby are Severed and appropriated to the Rights of the Proprietors the Grantors, agreable to the draft of the Rights and Lotts, as entered in the Schedule before mentioned, and shall be as follow's —vizt—

To John Moffatt Esqr—N° 9 in first division N° 45 in 2^{d} divis^{n} N° 38 in 3^{d} division

To Thomas Packer Esqr—N° 32 in D° N° 21 in d° N° 6 in d°

To John Wentworth Esqr—N° 46 in d° N° 60 in d° N° 30 in d°

To Thomas Wallingford Esqr—N° 8 in d° N° 22 in d° N° 28 in d°

To Messrs Meserve Blanchard &c^{a} N° 62 in d° N° 52 in d° half of N° 16 in d°

To George Jaffrey Esqr—N° 36 in d° N° 54 in d° N° 18 in d°

To the Proprietors in common N° 55 in d° N° 9 in d° half N° 3 in d°

To Thomlinson and Mason N° 60 in d° N° 4 in d° half N° 2 in d°

To Solly & March—half N° 12 in d° } N° 43 in d°—
N° 71 in d° }

To William Parker Esqr N° 34 in d° N° 8 in d° N° 51 in d°

To Joshua Peirce Esqr N° 15 in d° N° 69 in d° N° 21–in d°

To Richard Wibird Esqr N° 4 in d° N° 56 in d° N° 29 in d°

To John Rindge—N° 58 in d° N° 35 in d° half N° 3 in d°

To Peirce & Moore half N° 25 in d° } N° 41–in d°—
N° 31 in d° }

To Jotham Odiorne Esqr N° 45 in d° N° 44 in d° N° 5 in d°

To Theodore Atkinson Esqr N° 61, in d° N° 67 in d° N° 17 in d°

To Mathew Livermore Esqr N° 33 in d° N° 48 in d° N° 35 in d°

To Mark Hunk^{s} Wentworth Esqr N° 54 in d° N° 40 in d° N° 15 in d°

To the Proprietors in Common N° 27 in d° N° 24 in d° N° 27 in d°
To Joseph Blanchard Esqr N° 66 } N° 77 } in d° N° 73 in d°—

And The above Said two Rights reserved to the Proprietors ye Grantors in Common be disposed of as the Said Proprietors shall hereafter order and determine and whereas there are also other thirty Lots in Said Tract of land called Alexandria granted July ye 7th 1773, which be reserved to the Proprietors the Grantors the Numbers of which are mentioned in the Grant—

Voted that the Same be drawn for instantly, two Lots to each Proprietor, and that the two Lots drawn to the proprietor's Share, to whom drawn, shall be So Severed to them their heirs and assigns in Severalty; and are drawn and entered as follow's vizt

1st To John Moffatt Esqr N° 31 – in 3^{d} division – N° 1 – in 3^{d} division
2^{d} T° Mark Hunk^{s} Wentworth Esqr N° 64 – in 1st d° – N° 15 in 2^{d} d°
3 To Theodore Atkinson Esqr N° 81 – in 1st d° – N° 33 – in 3^{d} d°
4 To Jotham Odiorne Esqr N° 11 – in 1st d° – N° 22 – in 3^{d} d°
5 To Solley and March–N° 69 – in 1st d° – N° 61 – in 2^{d} d°
6 To Meserve Blanchard &c N° 28 – in 1st d° – N° 40 – in 1st d°
7 To George Jaffrey Esqr N° 10 – in 1st d° – N° 41 – in 1st d°
8 To Joshua Peirce Esqr N° 78 – in 1st d° – N° 79 – in 1st d°
9 To Peirce & Moore N° 49 – in 3^{d} d° – N° 34 – in 3^{d} d°
10 To Thomas Packer Esqr N° 47 – in 3^{d} d° – N° 70 – in 1st d°
11 To John Rindge– N° 27 – in 2^{d} d° – N° 76 – in 1st d°
12 To Richard Wibird Esqr N° 29 – in 1st d° – N° 8 – in 3^{d} d°
13 To Thomas Walingford Esqr N° 48 – in 1st division N° 7 – in 3^{d} division
14 To John Wentworth Esqr N° 14 – in 2^{d} d° – N° 12 – in 3^{d} d°
15 To Thomlinson & Mason N° 23 – in 2^{d} d° N° 6 – in 2^{d} d°

There being also another Tract of Land granted to the aforesaid Minot Bagley Bailey Thornton and others, on the aforesaid Seventh day of July in which Grant there being reserved to each of the Proprietors the Grantors three Lots to each Proprietors Right or Share in Said Tract of land, which Tract is adjoining to Alexandria aforesaid, and described and bounded in Said Grant, and the numbers of the Said reserved Lots are also mentioned in Said Grant—Therefore Voted That three of the Said reserved Lots be instantly drawn for, to each of the Said Proprietors Shares or Right in Said Tract of land, and being So drawn, and entered to each of the Proprietors respectively, that each of the three Lots shall be a Severance of the Same as drawn to the Right of Said Proprietors, their respective

Heirs and Assigns—The draft of the three Lots to each Proprietor's Share or Right is as follow's—vizt—

1st To George Jaffrey Esqr N° 106 – N° 49 – N° 55
2^{d} To John Wentworth Esqr N° 39 – N° 70 – N° 125 —
3^{d} To Mark Hunk^{g} Wentworth Esqr N° 38 – N° 36 – N° 61 —
4th To Richard Wibird Esqr N° 121 – N° 84 – N° 120
5th To Solley and March– N° 74 – N° 58 – N° 17
6 To Thomlinson & Mason N° 42 – N° 118 – N° 128 —
7 To Jotham Odiorne Esqr N° 71 – N° 94 – N° 126
8 To Peirce and Moore N° 50 – N° 29 – N° 4 —
9 To Thomas Packer Esqr N° 24 – N° 136 – N° 37 —
10 To Joshua Peirce Esqr N° 43 – N° 46 – N° 95
11 To Meserve Blanchard &^{ca} N° 83 – N° 7 – N° 119 —
12 To John Rindge— N° 3 – N° 102 – N° 15 —
13 To John Moffatt Esqr N° 92 – N° 40 – N° 10
14 To Theodore Atkinson Esqr N° 67 – N° 18 – N° 14
15 To Thomas Walingford Esqr N° 90 – N° 19 – N° 122

[*Grantees' Lots in Alexandria and Alexandria Addition, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 24.]

At a Legal Meeting of the Proprietors, of the Township of Alexandria, & Alexandria Addition Held at the Dwelling House of Col. Stephen Holland Esq. in Londonderry, in the County of Rockingham, & Province of New Hampshire, Sepr 6th A D 1773.—The Proprietors Drew the Lots, Annexed to their Names in the following schedule (viz).—

	N°	1Dn	N°	Dn	N°	Dn
Jonas Minot Gent. in Alexandria	1	1	16	2	42	3
N°						
Said Minots Lots in Alexandria Addition 2,, 32,,	17	1	17	2	40	3
124,, 130,, 76,, 47,, 93,, 100,, 112,, 115,, 36,,	23½	1	30	2	52	3
25,, 23,, 44,, 101,, 107,, 138,, 63,, 111,, 134,,	21	1	31	2	26	3
64,, 137,, 77,, 59,, 60,, 65,, 66,, 31,, 28,, ——	22	1	32	2	16½	3
	39	1	33	2	4	3
	25½	1	34	2	39	3
	63	1	57	2	48	3
	24½	1	59	2	50	3
	51	1	20	2	2½	3
	75	1	58	2	43	3
	26	1	65	2	9	3
	47	1	38	2	44	3
	30	1	29	2	41	3
	65	1	13	2		
	43	1	19	2		
	59	1	53	2		
			74	2		
			66	2		
			12	2		
			50	2		
			25	2		
			26	2		
			5	2		
			49	2		
			63	2		
			7	2		
			10	2		
Matthew Thornton Esq in Alexandria	6	1	18	2	32	3
Do in Alexandria Addition 96,, 91,, 34,, 21 ,, 54	16	1	42	2	36	3
,, 87,, 133,, 26,, 113,, 116,, 129½.	18	1	68	2	46	3
	24½	1	28	2		
	72	1	72	2		
	12½	1				
Majr John Tolford's Lots in Alexandria	38	1	36	2	19	3
Do in Alexandria Addition 27,, 79,, 16,, 88,, 78,,	37	1	64	2	37	3
105,,	68	1	11	2		
Deacon William Tolford's Lots in Alexandria——	73	1	1	2		
	19	1	46	2		
Do in Alexandria Addition 22,, 132,, 33,, 103,,	2	1				
117,, 20,, 6,,	56	1				
	52	1				
	80	1			10	3
Robert Macmurphy's Lots, in Alexandria	3	1	3	2	13	3
Do in Alexandria Addition 69,, 73,, 56,, 1,, 30,,	5	1	47	2	14	3
97,, 108,, one third of the Half of 129—	7	1			45	3
	13	1				

	N°	D^n	N°	D^n	N°	D^n
The Honble Daniel Rindge Esq's Lots, in Alexandria——	53	1			25	3
D° in Alexandria addition 13 & 89——						
Joshua Tolford Esq's Lot in Alexandria.					24	3
D° in Alexandria addition, 11—						
To be Divided between the Grantors, & Grantees.—						
in Alexandria Addition 45 & 85.——						
Col. Jonathan Bagley's Lots, in Alexandria——	35	1	37	2		
D° in Alexandria Addition 131,, 99,, 109,, 135,,	20	1	39	2		
12½—	57	1				
Capt William Bailey's Lots in Alexandria	14	1	51	2	23	3
the two Rights Reserved, which if he takes he, is	67	1	70	2		
to have no part in Alexandria addition & in Case	23½	1				
s^d Bailey takes only his Proportion as other Grantees in Alexandria, he is to have in Alexandria Addition 57,, 98,, 86,, 35,, & 12½. — Otherwise the last mentioned numbers, to be Divided amoung the other Grantees.—						

Publick Lots in Alexandria Addition, 57,, 68,, 75,, 81,, 82,, 98—
John & William Tolford, & Robert Macmurphy, one Half, no,, 129.—in Alexandria Addition

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[*Matthew Thornton to Proprietors, about Alexandria*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 25.]

Londonderry, Octr 2^d A D 1773.

Hon^d Sir/

The Bearer, Mr Macmurphy, Can inform you that I have Drawn my Lots in Alexandria & Alexandria addition. My Circumstances Makes it impossible for me to be at Portsmouth, to Signe &c a Bond for my part of the five Hundred Pound. I would have Signed, & Sealed one & Sent it, but I doe not know the form that you Chuse to have them Drawn, I intend to be at Portsmouth the week After next, or very Soon, & Sign a Bond for my part to all your Satisfactions. pray Sir dont let my not being Able to Come Sooner, Make me losse my Interest. Excuse my giving you this trouble. I am Sir your very Hble ser^t

Matthew Thornton

The Honble Daniel Rogers Esq Portsmouth

[*Petition of Jonas Minot*, 1780.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 26.]

February 15 1780 To the Hon^{rble} Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr Lying in Newhampshire the Petition of Jonas Minot in behalf of Mr Merril, Mr Ardeway & Mr Day–humbly Shewing—that those Persons are Desireous of Setling on the Proprietors Land adjoyning Newlondon in the County of hillsborough–& pray that the Proprietors would Grant to Each of them Severally fifty Acres of Land wheare they have made Improvements—uppon Such Terms of Settlements as they May See Cause—and Sell to Each of those Persons fifty acres of Land adjoyning those Settlements uppon Terms agreed uppon—and as In Duty Bound in behalf of those Persons Shall Ever Pray

Jonas Minot

an answer Inclosed and Directed to Mr Samuel Minot Goldsmith in Boston is Earnestly Desired—

[Endorsed] to write Minot that ye 3 men may have 100 Acres each to pay one Silver dollar an acre for each 100 Acres to keep constant setlem^{t} and have a good dwelling house &c^{a}

wrote dated March 28th 1780

[*Grantees' Lots in Alexandria.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 27.]

		1st	2^{d}	3^{d}	division
Mathew Thornton Esqr N^{o} . .		6.	68.	—	and no more
David Burnside		75.	15.	½16	
John Moffatt Esqr	×	9.	45.	38	
Ezekiel Grealy		73.	28.	½76	in ye first
Jonathan Butterfield		14.	51.	23.	
Samuel Merrel Junr		48.	19.	26	
Zachariah Spalding		7.	3.	36	
Thomas Packer Esqr	×	32.	21.	6	
Mark Gould		65.	47.	½78	in ye first
Benoni Juel		79.	72.	½12	in ye first
Robert Livingstone		28.	16	32	
Henerey Snow		64.	33.	½78	in ye first
Phineas Underwood		68.	66.	½23	in ye first
John Wentworth Esqr . . .	×	46.	60.	30—	
Joseph Cockran		70.	58.	½24	in ye first
Thomas Wallingford Esq . . .	×	8.	22.	28	

John Sterns		19.	11.	9
Robert Fletcher		30.	38.	8
Meserve & Others	×	62.	52.	½16
Jonathan Griffin		63.	65.	81 in the first
John Hutchinson		47.	17.	43.—
Andrew Clandining		1.	6.	7.
Robert Fletcher Junr		67.	70.	½23 in ye first
George Jaffery Esqr	×	36.	54.	18.
Joseph Barons		44.	74.	39
Robert Clandining		22.	12.	24.
Thomas Cowan		26.	30.	14
Joseph Buterfield Junr		35.	63.	49
Blank Prop^{rs}	×	55.	9.	½3
Nathaniel Holmes		80.	10.	½25 in ye first
Elijah Fletcher		40.	61.	40.
John Wallace Junr		43.	14.	44
William McClure		2.	5.	50
James Gregg		21.	31.	34
Thomas Juel		53.	49.	42.
Joseph Wright		3.	7.	20.
Tomlinson & Mason	×	60.	4.	½2.
Soley & March	×	71.	43.	½12 in ye first
David Craig		59.	50	½2.
Thomas MacGlauglan		69.	18.	½24 in ye first
Hugh Ramsey		10.	59.	19.—
Zacariah Sterns		52.	1.	41
Ruben Butterfield		20.	25.	46
William Parker Esq	×	34.	8.	51
John Harvill		11.	46.	22
Jonathan Peram		57.	39.	1
Daniel Marel		51.	29.	4
David Clandining		13.	23.	37.
Joshua Peirce Esqr	×	15.	69.	21.
John Wallace		17.	27.	25.
James Miller		72.	42.	½76 in ye first
Samuel Steel		41.	32.	47.
Timothy Taylor		56.	57.	52.
Jacob Fletcher		29.	36.	45.
William Wallace		5.	13.	13.
Richard Wiberd Esqr	×	4.	56.	29
John Rindge	×	58.	35.	½3.
Samuel Alison		16.	34.	10.
William Parker		37.	53.	33.

Nehemiah Lovel		39.	37.	31.
Peirce & More	×	31.	41.	½25 in ye first
Joseph Blanchard Esqr	×	66.	73.	77. in ye first
Mathew Wright		18.	26.	12.
Jotham Odiorne	×	45.	44.	5
Theodore Atkinson Esqr	×	61.	67.	17.
Mathew Livermore Esqr	×	33.	48.	35.
James Cowan		38.	64.	48.
Mark H^g Wentworth Esqr	×	54.	40.	15.
Blank Prop^rs	×	27.	24.	27.
Mill Lotts		74.	2.	—
School Lots		49.	62.	
Ministerial Lots		42.	71.	11.
Parsonage		50.	55.	20

The above is a true Copy of the Schedule & Drafts of the Lotts of Alexandria attested by

Robert MacMurphy Propriater's Clark

[*A Fragment Relating to Alexandria.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 28.]

be appropriated to the Use & Benefit of the Proprietors—reserving to certain Persons inhabiting and improving in the said Town as follows

We a Committee for rendring a State of the Affairs of the Proprietors as will appear by Vote the 28th June 1771.

Do make the following Report of the State of the Township called Alexandria

That it appears to us the s^d^ Township being forfeited for non Compliance &c^a^ &c^a^

That there are three Houses with Families resident in the said Town &c^a^

That there are 5 Persons who have some land improved &c^a^

[on the reverse is]

Perry's Town 7 Families & Houses 8 Persons begun

New Brittain 14 Families & Houses 8 Persons begun

[*Report on Lots in Alexandria*, 1822.]

[Extract from Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 52.]

List of Lands in Alexandria

Lot Number 49 in 3^{d} Division Midling lot with two Setlers on it John Lock, & John Woodbury, Lock has Cleared about Ten Acres is i n low Circumstances. Woodbury has Cleared about twenty Acres, has a Decent Dwelling house & born

N° 79 in the first Division Midling lot hardwood

Groth 110 Acres 3:50 Per acre

N° 78 in first D^{n} Poor 2

N° 6 in 2 div^{n} very Poor 1

N° 60 in first Div^{n} Occupied by Eliphalet Blake, about twelve Acres Cleared not more than Midling, he Says he Purchaised of Peirce & haven 2

ALLENSTOWN.

[Granted, May 11, 1722, to the children of Gov. Samuel Allen, and named in honor of Gov. Allen. Incorporated July 2, 1831. A portion of Allenstown was included in Pembroke, incorporated Nov. 1, 1759. A part of Bow east of the Merrimack River was annexed to Allenstown in June, 1815.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 39; Index to Laws, 17; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 163; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 302.]

[*Votes Relating to Allenstown*, 1750.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, April 25, 1750, and Papers, Vol. 5, p. 29.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth April 25th 1750—wen'sday five of ye Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas Thomas Packer Esqu^{r} on ye Eleaventh of April Instant was appointed in behalf of this Propriety to grant part of a tract of land belonging to this Propriety at a place known by the name of Allens Town & ye Gore of land lying between that tract & Bow So called to Such persons as he shall see cause, under such Conditions &^{ca} as he shall think best for ye Interest of the Proprietors provided he gives no more to the grantees than one thousand Acres of Said Land,—Voted That James Cochran of Londonderry be one of the Grantees & that Mr Packer be desired to insert his name in the grant he Shall make by virtue of ye Vote aforesaid.

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Sept. 13, 1750.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth September 13th 1750 Thursday Six of the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton—The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted That Joshua Peirce & Thomas Packer Esqurs be a Committee to employ a Surveyor &ca to lay out and make a Division of the tract of land called Allens Town into fifteen equal Shares and only two Lots to a Share to be coupled in equal value as near as may be, and planning suitable high ways, and return a Compleat Plann thereof and then the Said shares to be drawn for by Said Proprietors—

[*Agreement for Fencing Allenstown*, 1750.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 30.]

Articles of Agreement made the Sixteenth Day of May one thousand seven hundred & fifty Between Thomas packer of portsmouth in province of New hampshire Esqr as Agent for & in the behalf of the propritors of the land in said province purchasd of Capt John Tufton mason Esqr of the one part and Daniel Marston of North hampton Andrew McClary Samuel Blake Dearbon Blake of Epsum William brown Clough Benjamin potter of nottingham Nathan Clough of Kensington Daved Conner & Capt moses foster of Bow Samuel Conner thomas Lucas James Lucas Kingsly hall James Joseph Conner Gilman Dudley & William fullington all of Exeter & John Cochran of Londonderry all said places being in the Province of new hampshire of the Other part as follows Viz the said thomas packer By Virtue of & pursuant to a Vote of the Said propritors him thereunto authorizing & Impowering Hath Given & Granted & by these presents Doth Give Grant Bargain & Convey Unto the Said Parties for & in Consideration of the Several Matters & things by them to Be Done as is herein after Set forth & on the terms & Conditions herein after set forth all the Right title Intrest Estate & property of the said propriters of in & Unto One Thousand acres of Land in said province out of a Tract of Land lying at & Comprehending a Tract of Land heretofore Called Allen Town which Larger Tract of which the said thousand acres is parcle is Bounded as follows viz—Beginning at the south East Corner of Epsum whare It joins to Nottingham thence Runing on Epsum line the same point till it Intersets the line of Bow thence Runing on Bow line till it intersects a line Continued from the Northerly side of Chester on

the same Course that side line runs thence Runing by the side of Chester till it Comes to the head line of Nottingham & thence Upon that line to the place Whare it begins & the said thousand acres are bounded as follows viz—Begining on Bow line aforesaid so far to the North East as to be Clear of the Improvements of those persons who have Entr[d] Upon the tract of land aforesaid thence Run on their line which thay have Improved to namly South South East so far as that two lines the one perallel to the line of Bow and the other perallel to that next to Epsum runing to the line of Bow Shall make Up the said Quantity of one thousand acres to have & to hold to the Said parties the Grantees & their Respective heirs & assigns Equally Divided into Equal shares on the Terms & Conditions following that is to say that the said Grantees their Heirs or assigns Shall within two months from the Date hereof Enclose the said Larger Tract with a Good fence Sufficient to perserve the harbage thereof or make so much fence as that with other peoples fences the whole of the Said tract may Be Enclosed and that a Bridge be built by them their heirs or assigns over Great Suncook River at the Island their within one year from the date hereof that thay keep Up the said fence seven year from the first making & perfecting the same—that thay the said Grantees their heirs & assigns shall not fall or Destroy the timber Growing on the said larger tract and shall Do what thay Can to prevent the same from being Dun by others by forbidding the same & by Giving notis of the same to the propritors that Each of the said Grantees their heirs or assigns have a hous Upon sum part of his lot or share aforesaid built & a family setled their within two years from the Date hereof

And in Case any of the said Grantees shall fail of Doing his proportion of the labour service & pay his part of the Cost & Charge which the said Grantees shall Be at he shall forfit his Share of said Grant to those of them who shall Do & perform the same according to the Intent & meaning hereof but in Case the said matters & things herebefore mentioned Shall not Be done by the said Grantees their heirs or assigns according to the true Intent & meaning hereof within the times & periods before limited & fixed herein as aforesaid then the said Grantees shall hereby forfit their Right Share & Intrest herein to the said propritors & this Grant shall become Utterly Null & Void as tho it had never been made In witness whareof the parties to these presents have hereunto Inter changeably set their hands & seals the Day & year first above written Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of us

moses foster	Thomas [mc]Luckas	kingsly hall jams
Daniel marston	James Luckas	Sam[ll] Connor

W^{m} brown Clough	William fullerton	Gilman Dudely
Samuel Blake	David Connor	James Cockron
Darbon blak	Nathan Clough	Joseph conner
Benjamin Potter	Andrew ^{mc}Clery	

[A duplicate of the foregoing document on p. 29 of the manuscript volume, bears the following certificates :]

Province of }
New Hampsh^{r} } Exeter Novr 21^{t} 1750

Then Daniel Marston, Andrew McClery, William Brown Clough, Saml Connor Thomas McLucas James Luckas, Joseph Connor, William Fullerton and James Cochran Aforenamed, Personally Appeared and Acknowledged the foregoing Instrument to be their free act and Deed

Before me Sam^{ll} Gilman Just^{s} Pacis

Province of New hampshear Dcem^{br} 10th 1750

Then m^{r} Gilman Dudley and Benj^{a} Potter within named parsnally appeared and acknowledged thair hands and Seals and the with in written Instroment to be thair valentary actt & Deed before me—

Joshua Wingate Justice Peace

Signed Sealed and delivered by Moses Foster Joseph Sinclair Thomas Hines Samuel Conner Junior in presence of us—

Walter Bryent
Thomas m^{c}Lucas

Province of }
New Hampshire } Bow December 3^{d} 1752

Then Joseph Sinclair Thomas Hines & Samuel Conner Junr within named personall appeared and Acknoleged the within Instruement to be their Voluntary Act & Deed before me

moses foster Jus peace

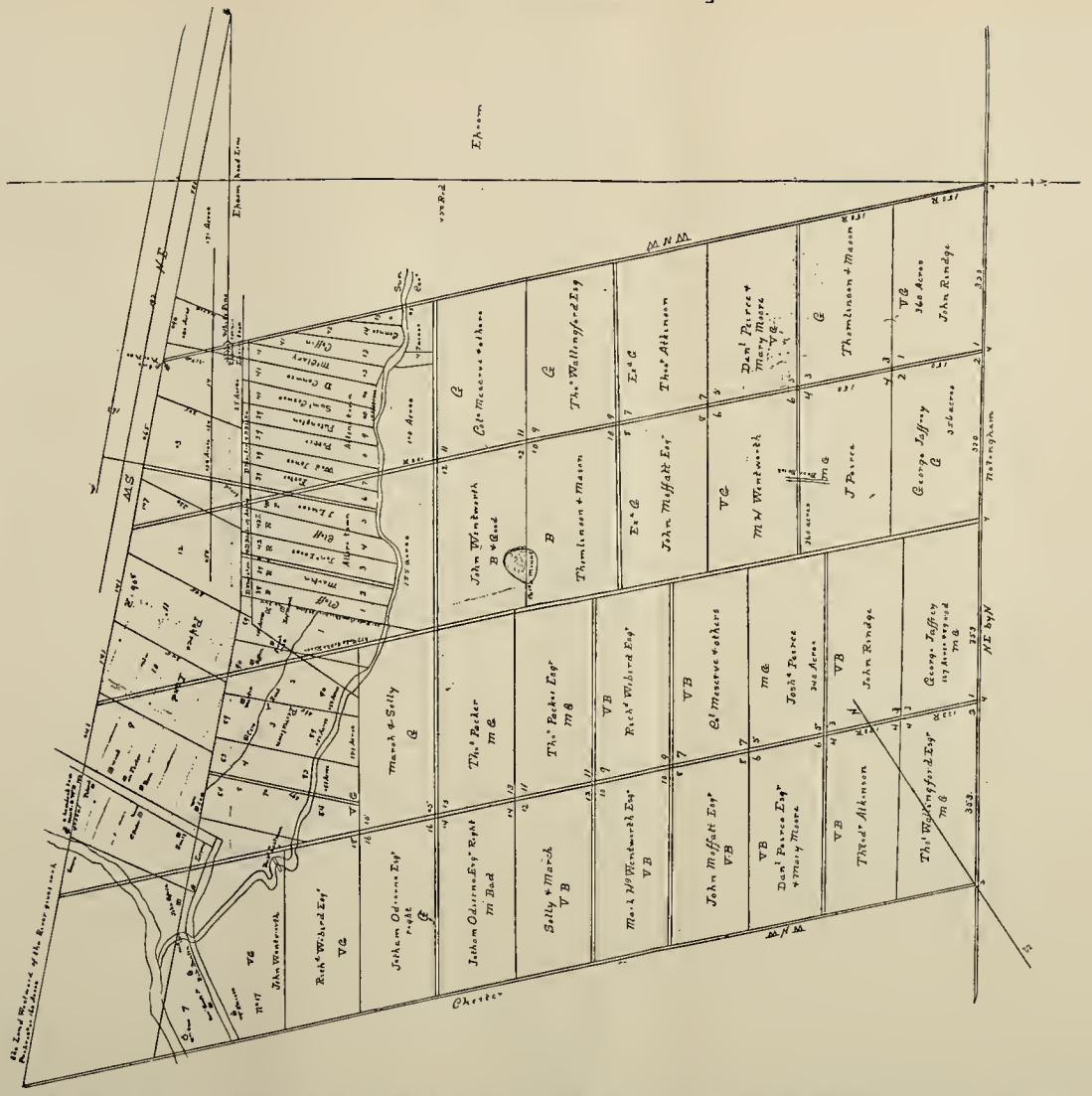
[*Proprietors' Reservations in Allenstown*, 1752.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, May 18, 1752, and Papers, Vol. 5, p. 29.]

Province of } Portsmouth May ye 18th 1752. monday four of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

Whereas Messrs Joshua Peirce & Thomas Packer Esqu^{rs} have at this Meeting Returned a plan of Allens Town so Called which is

[*Plan of Allenstown*, 1752.]

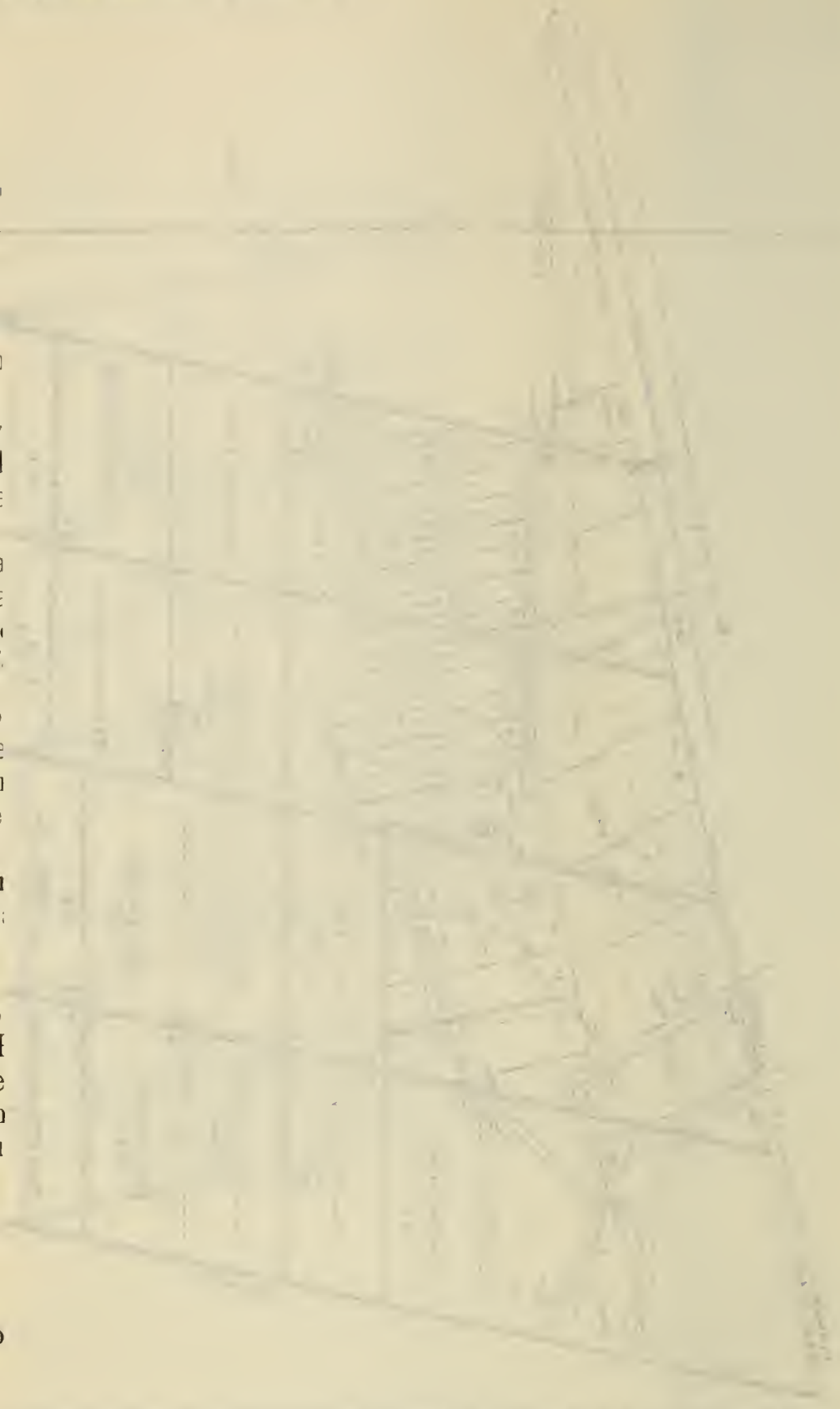


A true Plan of that Date of Allens Town so Called, laying upon the S E Side of Suncook River lay^{d} into fifteen Equal Shares, two lots to a Share coupled in equal Value, excepting the Strips in the turns of Suncook River which remaind Undivided, by Walter Bryent Surveyor & Thos Parker & Josh^{a} Peirce Comittee Agreeeble to Vote

Attest Josh^{a} Peirce 1752
Tho Packer May

Prov: of New Hamp^{r} Portsm^{o} May 18th 1752
At a Meeting of the Prop^{rs}—Voted that this Plan & the Return thereon be accepted
att: Geo Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

This Plan of Allen's Town so called and of y^{e} Gore is a Copy taken from the Original
Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl



divided into fifteen Equal Shares Two lotts in a Share, in Consequence of a Vote of this Propriety of the 13th of September 1750 which plan has been approved of & Accepted agreable to the Return thereon made & Signed and for as much as it will be for the Benefit of the Proprietors to have the same Severed that Each Particular Proprietor may hold & Enjoy his Share in Severalty—

Voted That the Several Shares be drawn for at this Meeting and that the particular Share Drawn to each Respective Proprietor's Right shall be to the Respective Proprietors to whom Entered as Drawn to hold the same in Severalty to them their Heirs & Assigns Respectively forever—

The Draft of the Proprietors Rights or Shares in Allens Town so called, as divided in the Plan Returned and Accepted, is as follow's, Namely, Two Lotts to a Share

1st To Theodore Atkinson Esqur—N° 5 N° 7 in first Range & N° 4 in fourth Range

2 To Jn° Thomlinson & Capt Tuft. Mason 3—n° 3 in first Range & n° 10 in Second Range

3 to Nathll Meserve Blanchard &c 10—n° 11 in first Range & n° 7 in third Range

4 To Jn° Wentworth Esqur—15—n° 12 in Second Range & n° 17 in fourth Range

5 To Jotham Odiorne's Esqur Right—13—n° 14 in fourth Range & n° 16 in fourth Range

6 To John Rindge— 1—n° 1 in first Range next Epsom & n° 3 in third Range

7 To Joshua Peirce Esqur—8—n° 4 in Second Range & n° 5 in third Range

8 To George Jaffrey Esqur—2—n° 2 in Second Range & n° 1 in third Range

9th To John Moffatt Esqur N° 7—n° 8 in Second Range & n° 8 in fourth Range

10 To Mark Hunkg Wentworth Esqr 9—n° 6 in Second Range & n° 10 in fourth Range

11 To Thos Wallingford Esqur—6—n° 9 in first Range & n° 2 in fourth Range

12 To Richard Wibird Esqur—11—n° 9 in third Range & n° 18 in fourth Range

13 To Thomas Packer Esqur—14—n° 11 in third Range & n° 13 in third Range

14 To Danll Peirce Esqr & Mary Moore 4—n° 5 in first Range & n° 6 in fourth Range

15 To Samll Solly & Clement March Esqrs 12-—n° 15 in third Range & n° 12 in fourth Range

[*Votes of Proprietors*, 1753.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 31, and Proprietors' Records.]

at a meeting Octr 23^{d} 1752 Josh^{a} Peirce and Thos Packer Esq^{urs} as com^{tee} were empowered & desired to make agreem^{ts} with Such Person or Persons who are Settled on S^{d} Gore or said Tract called Allen's Town & to divide ye Remaind^{r} into fifteen equal Lots or shares except ye mill Privileges at ye Island on Suncook River wch is not to be divided but to be disposed of by ye com^{tee} in ye best manner they Can for ye advantage of ye Propriety—

Whereas Clem^{t} March Esq^{ur} has enclosed a Quantity of Land in fence Situate in a place called Buck street near suncook River and butted on ye Lot N° 1 in s^{d} Buckstreet and lays Southerly of Said lot and Contains about one hundred & twenty Acres more or less—

Voted That all ye Right & Title of Said Prop^{rs} to ye said Tract of land be and hereby is granted to ye Said Clem^{t} march his heirs & Assigns for ever as part of his Right for Quantity & Quality in ye lands yet to be divided amongst Prop^{rs} to be Estimated by Thos Packer & Josh^{a} Peirce Esq^{urs}

Vote pass^{d} Aug: 27–1753–

[*Walter Bryent's Petition for Land in Allenstown*, 1757.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 30.]

To the Honorable Theodore Atkinson Esqr & others Purchasers of Capt John mason's Right to Lands in Newhampshire

Gentilmen I have Served you in Company with Joshua Peirce Esqr Late of Portsmouth Deceased at Sunkook in measuring Lands &C there to the amont of twenty four pounds old tenor & to Dit^{o} in Company with Col^{o} Meserve twenty pounds Like tenor which Sums hath ben Due a Considerable time & the Reason I have not Lodg'd my acompt before is that I have had Great In-Curagement from those Gentilmen to have a tract of Land Lying on the westerly End of range number two in allien's town (So Called) which tract of Land is Bounded on the South Easterly Side by the Last Lott in Said Range and on the Southwesterly Side on the Road Left between the Said Second & ye third Range and on the northwest by the northwest Side of Sunkook River & on the northeast Side by the Road Left between Said Second & ye first Range of Lotts in Said town which If granted will be full Satisfaction for the above Sums

& I will Spend a week in your Service in those parts and Soon Setle a family thereon and I Shall Esteam it as a great gift & favour & am with Due Respect your very Humble Servent

Walter Bryent

Newmarket october ye 6th 1757—

[*Vote of Proprietors*, 1757.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 31, and Proprietors' Records, Nov. 22, 1757.]

Province of } At a meeting of the Proprietors of the land spur-
New Hampsh^r^ } chased of John Tufton mason Esqr lying in the Province of New Hampsh^r^ held by adjournment at Portsmouth on ye 22^d^ day of November 1757

Whereas at a meeting of said Proprietors held on the 30th day of March 1756—It appeared that Joshua Peirce and Thomas Packer Esq^rs^ were appointed a Com'ittee to make agreements with such Person or Persons who were settled on the Gore adjacent to allen's Town so called and part of said allens town adjoyning to said Gore, which were intended to be divided into fifteen equal Shares or Rights to the fifteen Proprietors or their assigns &^c^ &^c^ and as the said Joshua Peirce Esqr is deceased, and said Thomas Packer Esqr declined said Service by himself Solely—It was then voted that Thomas Wallingford, Joseph Blanchard, Thomas Packer, Nathaniel Meserve, and Mark Hunking Wentworth Esq^rs^ or any three of them be a Committee for and in behalf of said Proprietors, to make a Settlement with any person or Persons, who shall be settled upon any part of said Land or adjacent thereto within said Proprietors Claim, and to act upon any motion that may be made by the Prop^rs^ of Bow, in the Most advantageous manner for this Propriety or to divide the said Tract of land, or the remainder thereof after they have settled for any particular Tracts with Particular persons, or to make sale of the same, as they the s^d^ Com'ittee or any three of them shall determine, and what the said Committee or any three of them shall do upon the Premises shall be final & Conclusive relating to said Premises and to make report of their doings therein within three months from the date of the above said meeting—and whereas the said Committee or any three of them have not made report of their Doing any matter upon the Premises—Therefore Voted That Nathaniel Meserve and George Jaffrey Esq^rs^ and Mr John Rindge be a Comittee for and in behalf of said Proprietors and they or any two Of them

are hereby Impowered and desired to do & Perform every or any matter and thing aforementioned to be done by either or both of the aforesaid Committees—and also to make a Settlement of the Line between the Township of Bow, with the proprietors of said Bow, and the adjacent lands of this propriety or of such as hold by or under them—and this last mentioned Committee take and use such assistance and means for said service as they shall think necessary & Convenient for said service—and what the said Committee or any two of them shall do upon or about the Premises shall be final & Conclusive relating to said Premises and to make report of their Doings therein within five months from this Date—

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[*Petition of George Walton*, 1759.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 31.]

To the Honourable Theod^{r} atkinson and The other Gentelmen purchersor^{s} of the mason propriety The Petetion of George Walton of portsmouth Being Incureged By Sundry Gentelmen of that Intrust To ask for a Tract of Land Due Therfore pray you will be So kind as To Bestoe me the four mill Squer that was Granted To the famely by his Honour Gover^{r} Wentworth with the Councel In 1722 and Confermed in 1729 But if that Cannot be Begg y^{u} will be plesed To give me that quantity In Nukes and Gores or other forme among or Between the former Grants But Should Be very Glad To have that Grant Confermed by the Gentelmen with whome it Now Lyes in the power: of To Do Ie am a grat Suffere^{r} By not haveing that Land for I made a purchis of that and gaive Two hundred pound for it in 1730 when money So good But Gentlemen I may not Carve for my Self in that affair and if it Should not plese you To accomodate me In Either of them Requstes Shall Be thankfull To you if youl Bestoe me a Township on the head Next To the Cochecho New Township Next the River at ye Lower End of ye pond of Six mills Squir or at a Better plase when I Shall know whare To Chouse if Libertie Be indulged me your favour in this Requst Will Gentlemen gratly oblige y^{r} humble Sarvent—and Shall as in Duty Bound Ever Pray—Yours

George Walton

[*William Knox in Behalf of John Cofran of Allenstown*, 1762.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 32.]

Allenstown aprill ye 12 1762

honoured Sir after my harty servis to you altho not acquainted sir as I am Informed you are one of the Committe that hath the Disposel of Sume of the Lands Lying In allenstown Sir I Beg the faver of you that you will give John Coffrin a deed such as you give to other men and you and he must agree about the price Because of a perticuler agreement that is between he and me and you will verey much oblige your humbel servant

witnes present william knox

Thomas Lucas

William Knox

[*Petition of Walter Bryent*, 1774.]

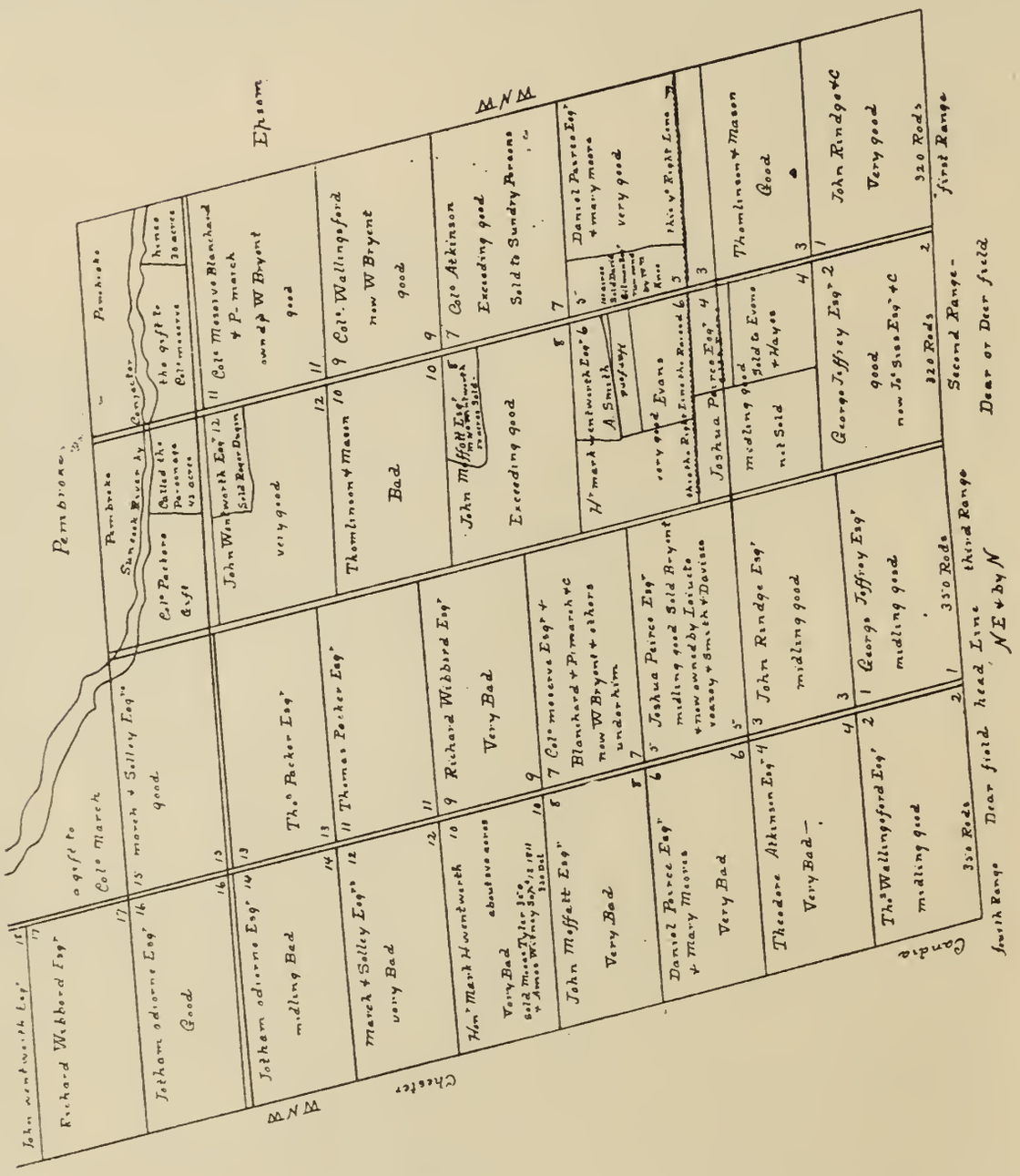
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 32.]

Province of New Hampshire } march ye 24th 1774 To the Pur-
Rockingham ss. — } chasers of the Right of Capt John Mason Late of London marchant Deceased The Petition of Walter Bryent of Newmarket in ye County afore Said Esqr Humbly Shews that whereas there is Sixty two acres of Land that was not Sever'd but Lays in Comon & undivided in that tract of Land Comonly Called Allien's town in Said County which Said Sixty two acres Lays Adjacent to my Land in Said town & whereas I own about one tenth part of Said town & also of Said Sixty two acres and that all or the major part of the Lines & numbers that where formerly made are Lost by Reason of age & fires &C and want much to be perambulated for many Reason (I mention one viz the People Cutt timber where they Chose & If Complained off they Say they thot it to be on their own Land but the Bounds & Lines are So Lost that they Can not tel where To Cutt) & your Petitioner having formerly Laid out Said Lots perhaps may Do it better than a Stranger prays he may be Imployed in Said affair & he will Run & perambulate all those Lines formerly Run in S^d^ town and Renew & fix all the Bounds well for Said Sixty two acres of Land though its Generally mean pichpine Land & a Road thro it Said tract is Bounded as follows northeasterly on Land Granted to Col^o^ Meserve Deceased South Easterly on Lot number 12 in the Second Range in Said town northwesterly on Suncook River or Buck Street Lots (So Called) & Runs South westerly Carring all the Breadth of the Land between said

number 12 & Said Buckstreet Lots until Said Sixty two acres be Compleatly measured out the Southwesterly Side Line to be west north west If in your Great Wisdom you Should think proper to Grant Said Petition your Petitioner as In Duty Bound shall ever Pray

Walter Bryent

[*Plan of Allenstown*, 1781.]

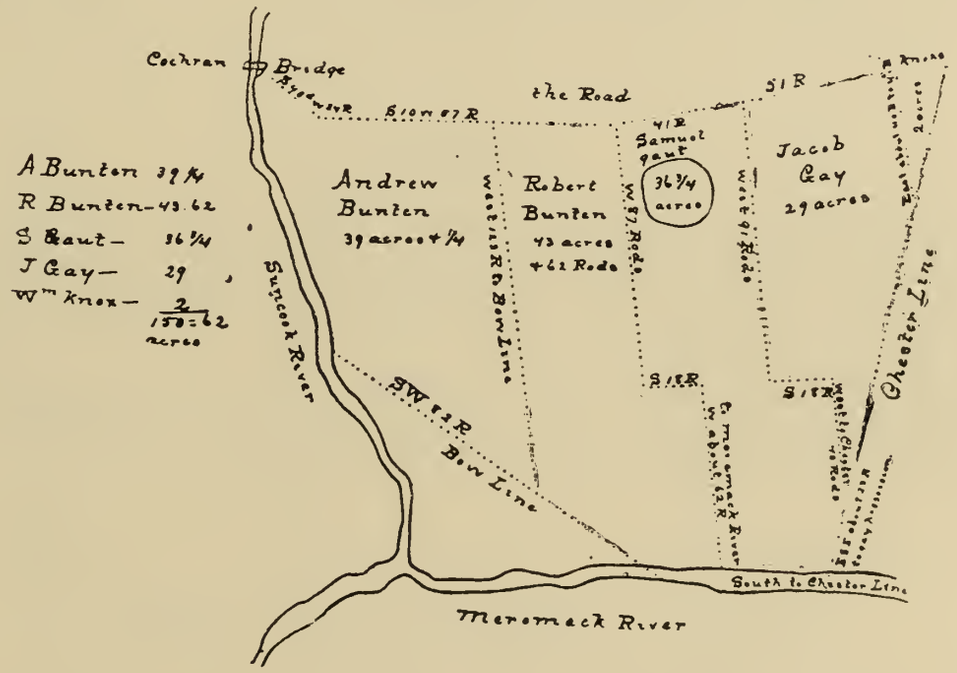


A Plan of Allenstown the first & Second Ranges are one mile or 320 R Long N E & by N and 180 Rod Broad W N W the third & fourth Ranges are 350 Rods Long & 155 Rods Broad this plan is Laid Down by a Scale of 120 Rods to one Inch—A : D. 1781—

℔ W Bryent

Col° Gilmans 100 acres is 180 Rods w n w the whole Breadth of the Lot Peirce & Moore number five in the first Range & Runs N E & by north Carying y^e^ whole Breadth of S^d^ Lot until Said 100 acres is Compleated.

[*Plan of Lots in Allenstown.*]



Jacob Gay begins at y^e^ Contry Road at y^e^ South East Corner of Sam^ll^ Gaut possession & Runs west 91 Rods y^n^ South 18 Rods y^n^ west about 40 Rods to Chester Line y^m^ E. S. E about one hundred Rods to Land in possession of W^m^ knox then by his possession East about 40 R to the Road afore s^d^ y^n^ by Said Road 51 Rods to where it began—29 acres—44£ n. Ten

W Bryent

Andrew Bunten's Land begins at Cochrins Bridge & Runs S 43^d^ w 24 Rods by ye Road yn on by ye S^d^ Road S 10^d^ w 57 Rods to Land in possession of Mr Robert Bunten yn west 123 Rods to Bow Line yn by S^d^ Bow Line N E 82 R to Suncook River yn by Suncook River to ye Bridge where we began

W Bryent

[*Valuation of Lot in Allenstown*, 1811.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 32.]

Lot N° ten in the 4th Range in Allenstown is marked Very bad on the plan, & by the Request of Messrs Tylor & Whitney I have this day been chiefly over the said lot & am perfictly Satisfied that the Origanal Surveyors marked it right, for I observed for thirty or forty Acres together I would not pay the Taxes assessed on It for it but in Other places some good land, so that I think it is about rightly valued & Taxed although I thought sometimes we must lessen its valuation for Taxing

Septr 10th 1811— Hall Burgin

this Lot Sold Sep^{t} 12th 1811 D 320—

ALTON.

[Formerly known as *New Durham Gore*. Incorporated as Alton June 16, 1796, and named from an English town. In the petition for incorporation, the inhabitants asked to have the town named Roxbury. Barndoor Island was annexed in 1799. Portions of the town were severed and annexed to Barnstead in 1840, and to Wolfeborough in 1849.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 44; Index to Laws, 17; sketch, Hurd's History Belknap County, 1885, p. 705; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 477.]

[*Petition of Clement March and Others.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 33.]

Prov^{e} of New Hampshire } To The Honble Theodore Atkinson Esqr & others Purchasers & Proprietors of Mason's Right (so called)—

The Petition of Clement March Esqr John Bracket Gent^{n} & Mr Walter Weeks all of Greenland Humbly Shews

That your Petitioners are appointed Agents for & on behalf of many of ye Freeholders & other Inhabitants of S^{d} Greenland, who have had as they tho't Sutable encouragement to hope for a Grant of Some of ye Wast Lands in this Province from those in whom ye Right might be to grant s^{d} Lands & for want of due Information for Some Time past been wavering & doubtful in their opinion in whome ye Right might be of granting that particular Tract of Land

on which they have Set their minds—But (upon more mature Deliberation & better Information) being convinced that ye Right & Property thereof is in you as an Estate in Fee Simple & therefore that you only can have a lawful Right to convey ye Same We pray that there may be granted unto us & our Constituents a Township bounding upon Gilman Town & Part of Winipissiockee Pond) upon Such Terms & Conditions as you grant to other of our Neighbours & Fellow Subjects or in Such other Place & upon Such other Terms as shall to you Seem most for ye publick your & our common Interest

Clem^t^ March	John Brackett	Joseph Melune jn^r^
his Joseph ∋ Melune mark	Robrt Tufton Philbrook	Nathan Brackett
James Brackett	William Weeks	Joseph Weeks
his Henary × Melune mark	William Norton	Enoch Clark
John Avery	Ebenezer Cate	Mark Juel
Joseph Haines	Robart bryen	Henry Clarke
John Huggins	Willam Simson	Nathanael Huggins Juner
Danill Meloon	Walter Weeks	Samuel Weeks Jun
his Elisha × Briant mark	Nath^ll^ Huggens	Sam:ll Weeks
Leonard weeks	Nath^ll^ Grow	Samu^el^ haines Junr
Abner Haines	James Johnson	Thomas Johnson Jun
his Abiethe + Sanburn mark	John hill	Walter Neall
frances Berry	Nathan Marston	Joshua Mackres
Walter Philbrook	William Johnson	Lueis haines
his William / Sanburn mark	Nathan Johnson	John meloon
Benjamin Philbroock	Daniel Lunt	Jonathan Dockum
Jonathan Chesely Juner	Samuel Whidden	Joshua Weeks
George March	Th^o^ March	Th^o^ March jn^r^
Nathinel March	Joseph Jackson	John Newmun
John weeks jun^r^	Joshua hains	John Whidden jn^r^
Walter Bryent	James Cate	Robert Davis
Clem^t^ Jackson	Paul march	Stephen march
Henry Wallis	Wm Jenniss	

[*Petition of Israel Gilman*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 34.]

December ye 10th 1748

to ye Gentelmeen Prorprivateres of m^r^ massons Right this is the Desier of the inhabitance of the Pairsh of Newmarket that you Gentelmen would have a Regard for us as we are of the anchant Sattalares in the province of Newhampshier that we may have an Equal Shair with those of our age thare has bin manay Clouds hanging over which we think are Disspald and as we think the titel of the land is in you Gantelmeen we meake no doute but you will Give us So much land as that Each of our parish may have aboute three hundrad acrs a man If you Gentelmeen have not Gave the land that lays betwen Cochecho township and the pond we should be Glad to have that Gentelmen these are from your frend and Humbell Sarvant in behalf of a number of the parish of Newmarket

Israel Gilman

[*Notice from Proprietors to Clement March*, 1754.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 35.]

Sr Whereas the Proprietors of the land purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r^ in New Hampshire at their meeting held at Portsm^o^ Decr 21st 1748 Voted that Clement March Esqu^r^ & ye Persons to be his associates & others have a Township equal to six miles Square bounded on ye north East Side of a place called Gilman Town northerly upon Winisipisiokie pond upon such Conditions Restrictions & Limitations & Reservations as shall hereafter be agreed upon—by order of the Proprietors that at their next meeting which will be on Thursday ye 21st Instant they will accept from you or offer to you & Said Assosiates &^c^ Such terms Conditions &^c^ as they will grant Said Township to you & assosiates and if you do not attend at Said next Meeting of said Prop^rs^ the Said Tract of Land or intended Township will be otherwise disposed of wherefore this notice is given you dated at the Meeting of Said Proprietors held at Portsm^o^ at y^e^ house of m^rs^ Ann Slayton Feby 6th 1754 ℔ order of y^e^ Prop^rs^

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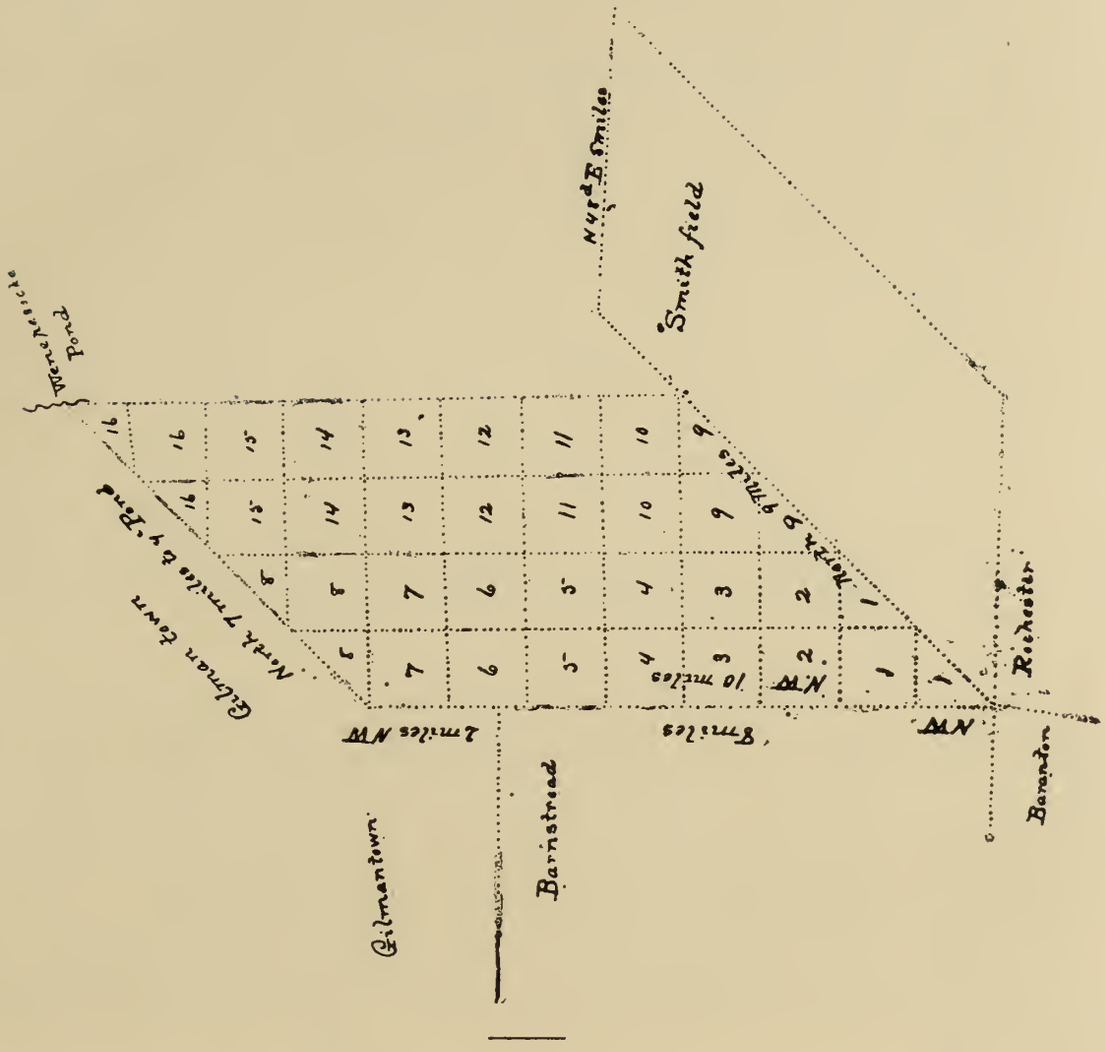
To Clem^t^ March Esq^ur^ of Greenland

[*Plan of Alton.*]



[*Location of Certain Lots in Alton*, 1761.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 36.]

Mesheck Weare 400 Acres N° 2 joining to Marston southerly
Sam[ll] Hale Esq[r] 300 Acres N° 4 bounding on y[e] pond & y[e] Prop[rs] lot
Theodore Marston 150 Acres N° 1 Southern part of lot
Proprietors N° 3 bounding Southerly on Wear's

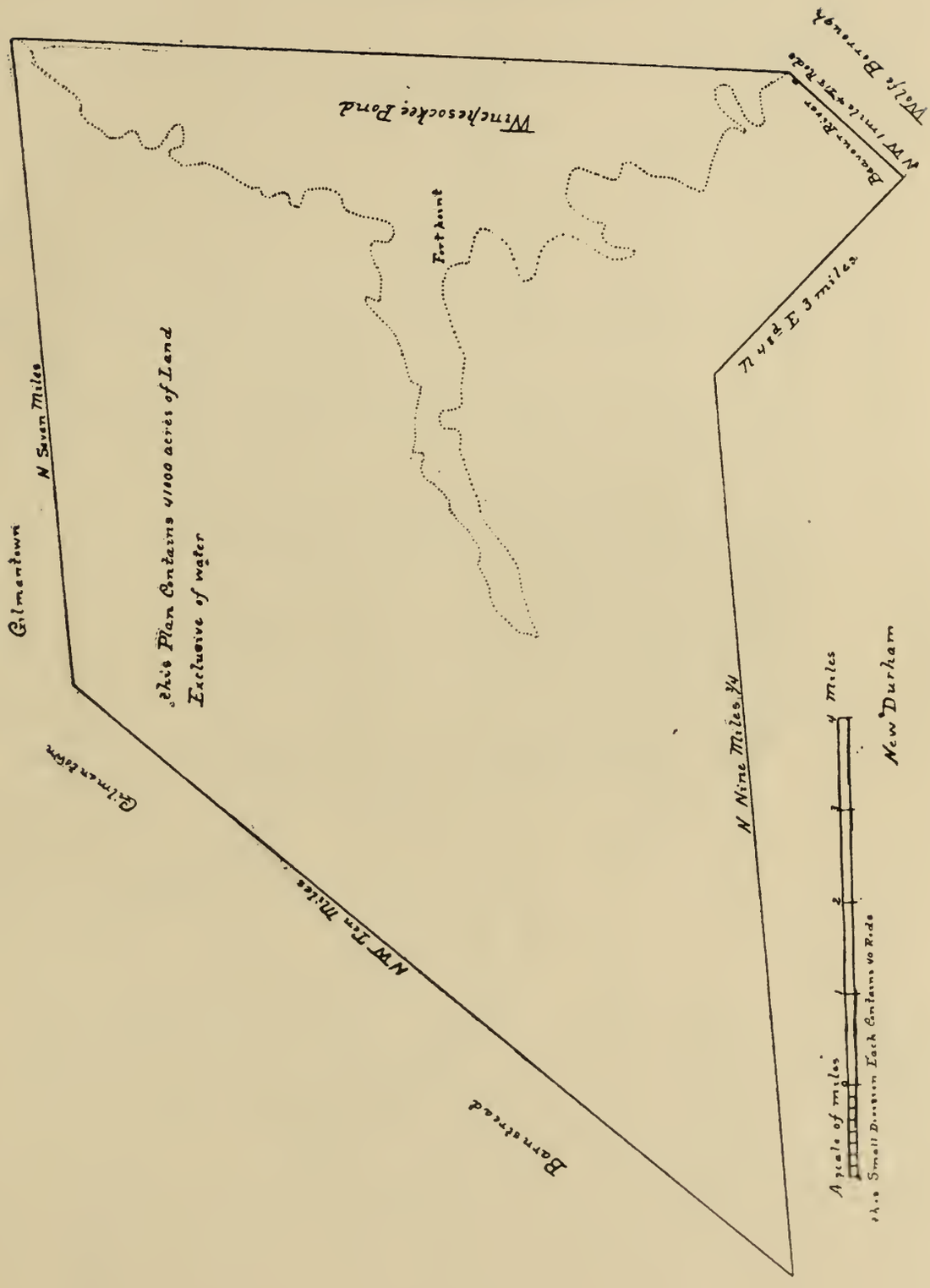
Voted The Proprietors on June 11th 1761 granted unto Meshech Weare Esq[r] his heirs and Assigns 400 Acres in the reserved 17th Share in the Gore near Winipisiokee Pond, and also granted unto Theodore marston Son of Daniel marston Deceased, his heirs and assigns 150 Acres in Said reserved 17th Share—and on the 26th day of November 1761 did grant unto Major Samuil Hale of Portsmouth 300 Acres of land in Said 17th part or share reserved—The Said

Grantees having requested the Proprietors to have a Severance made of their Said grants and it being now proposed by the Said grantees or their Agents to proceed in the following manner to make the Severance of their respective grants vizt that as the Said reserved Seventeenth part or Share in Said Gore being in two lots N° 8 in the Second Range of lots and N° 14 in the third Range of lots which two lots are divided by merry meeting Bay, that it may be determined by lot whether the Said grants should be located on the Said Lot N° 8 or N° 14 and also in what part of Said lot So determined, the Said grants Should be located; which Method of proceeding to locate and Sever the Said grants was approved of by the Proprietors, and the Lots were drawn for accordingly and the said lot N° 14 was drawn for the Said grants to be therein located Theodore Marstons Grant of 150 Acres was drawn to be located on the South Side of Said lot N° 14, and Meshech Weare Esq^{rs} Grant of 400 Acres was drawn to join upon S^{d} marstons 150 Acres and Major Samuel Hales 300 Acres was drawn to be located bounding on Winipisiokee pond merrymeeting Bay and the part drawn for the use of s^{d} Proprietors in Said lot N° 14—

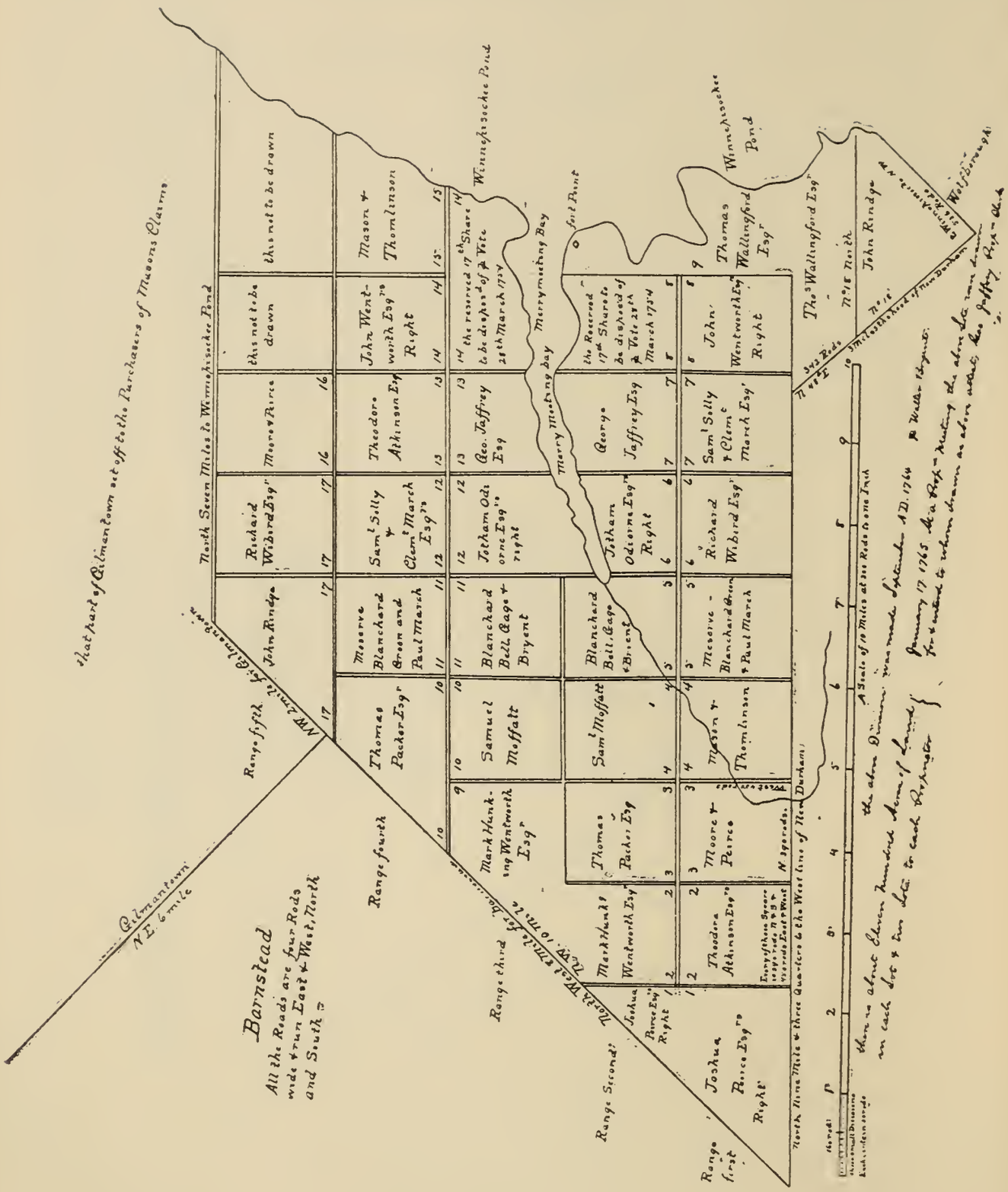
Therefore Voted that the Said Grantees have their Said Grants located and Severed in the parts of Said Lot N° 14 as above described and to be so laid out to each of them respectively their heirs and assigns for ever and the Grants are hereby Located and Severed in Said manner, and that the part drawn for the Proprietors use in said lot N° 14 to be disposed of as they shall hereafter order

The lot N° 14—is y^{e} drawn lot where Meshech Weare Sam^{ll} Hale Esq^{rs} and Theodore Marston are to have their Grants in the 17th reserved share of y^{e} Proprietors in the Gore near Winnipisiokee Pond—and

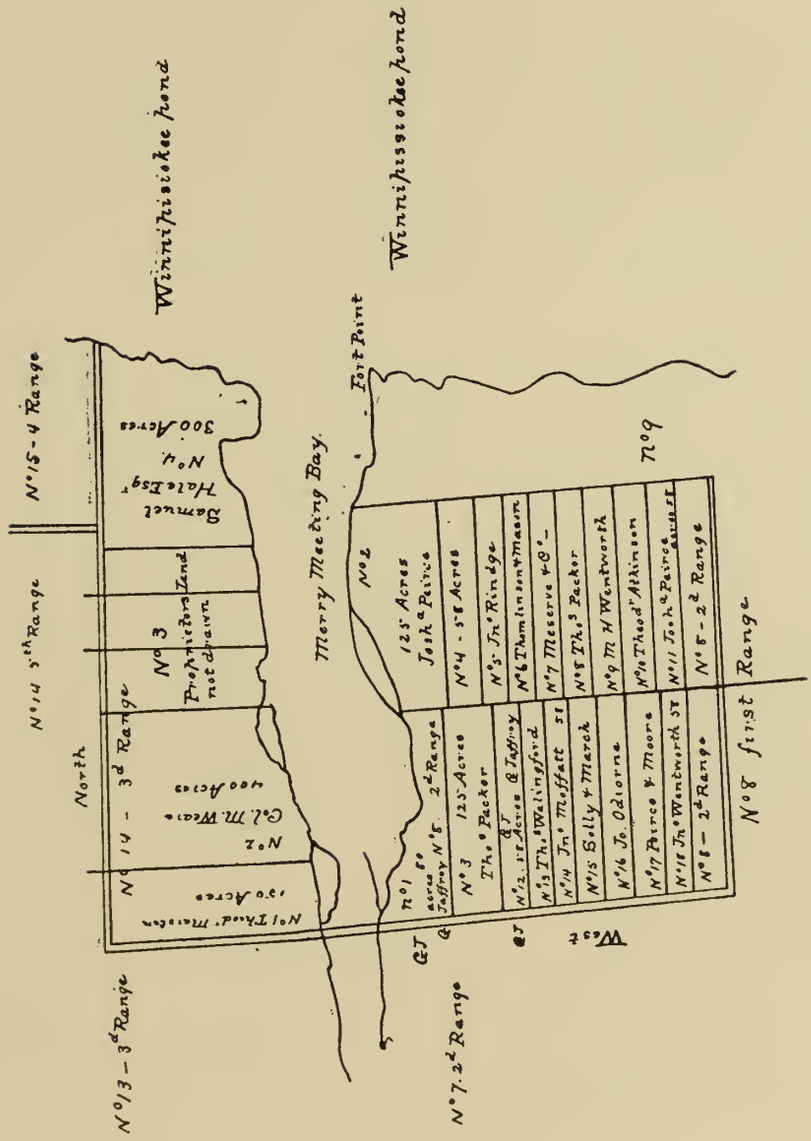
[*Plan of Alton.*]



[*Plan of Alton*, 1765.]



[*Plan of Seventeenth Reserved Share.*]



The above is a Sketch of the 17th reserved Share in the Gore adjoining to Winnipissioke Pond as it is to be laid out & Surveyed according to the draft made of ye lotts and recorded 24th day of December 1781 it being the Lotts N° 8 in the 2d Range & N° 14 in the 3d Range containing by estimation 1100 acres each lot all the Lots to contain 58 Acres except N° 1. N° 2. & N° 3 which have their Quantity Mark^t^ on each of 3 Lotts— Examined ℔ G J——

AMHERST.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Narragansett No.* 3, Dec. 18, 1728. Afterwards called *Salem Narragansett* and *Souhegan West*. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors Dec. 1, 1759. Incorporated as Amherst Jan. 18,1760, and named in honor of Lord Jeffry Amherst. The incorporation was renewed Jan. 7, 1762. A large part of Monson was annexed in 1770. A portion of the town was combined with parts of Hollis and Mile Slip to make up the town of Milford Jan. 11, 1794. Mont Vernon was set off and incorporated Dec. 15, 1803. A part of Milford was annexed Dec. 20, 1842.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 6; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 57; Index to Laws, 18; Historical Discourse, 100th Anniversary of Dedication of Congregational Meeting House, by J. E. Davis, 1874; Proceedings of Revolutionary Committees of Safety for Hillsborough County, by E. D. Boylston, 1884; History, by Daniel F. Secomb, 1883, pp. 978; sketch, by same, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 219; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 21; Recollections of A Busy Life, by Horace Greeley, 1873; Life of Horace Greeley, by James Parton, 1885; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 150; Rambles about Amherst, by W. B. Rotch, 1890, pp. 67; Bills of Mortality, 1805–14, by John Farmer, 14, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 73; *id.*, 1805–19, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collection, 80; *id.*, 1815–26, 22, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 298; sketch, by John Farmer, 12, *id.*, 247; revised as Historical Sketch of Amherst, 1820, pp. 35; 2d ed., continued 1837, pp. 52; *id.*, 5, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 79; petition of inhabitants, *id.*, 253; History of Purgatory, by C. J. Smith, 1889, pp. 8.]

[*Petition of Valentine Nutter and Others*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 37.]

Prov^e of New Hamp^r } To the Honb^le Theodore Atkinson Esqr & others Purchasers & Propriators of Masons Rights.

The Petition of the Subscribers Humbly Shews That your Humble Petitioners who are underneath Subscribed are Desireous to have granted to them a Tract of Land for a Township on Merrimack River or as Near the River as you think Proper and on Such Terms & Limitations as others who have asked the Same favour and as Speedely as Shall be Consistant with your Conveiniency and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray—

Souhegan West not granted & Contoocook—also & N° 5 adjoyning to it or whear you think proper if those Places are not agreable to you but them if Possible or the Latter if not the former

Vallentine Nutter
Jo^{s} Sherburn
Tob^{s} Langdon
Jonath^{n} Stoodly
Paul March
John Ross
Nath^{ll} Sargent Esqr
Alex^{r} Caldwell
Thos Wibird
Joseph Bunster
Thomas Walden
Anthony Wibird
John Harvey
Robert Green
Jno Briard
Nath^{ll} Sargent Junr
Solomon Loud
William Bennett
S^{a} Wentworth
Zech^{r} Foss
Joseph Sims Sen
Edward Pendexter
Benj^{a} Akerman juner
Moses Dennett
Daniel Rogers
Elisha Jackson
James Titcomb
Arthur Browne
Nath^{ll} Warner
Thomas Peirce
Sam^{ll} Barnes

Samuel Penhallow
Nath^{ll} Mendum
James Stoodly Ju^{r}
Wm Pearson
Stephen March
John Flagg
H Wentworth
Jacob Treadwell
Joseph Allcock
John Shackford
John Mills
Jno Knight
Sam^{ll} Hart Junr
Humphrey Furnell
John Dennet
John Hart
Jeremiah Libbey
Benj^{a} Akarman
Mark Hunking
John Flagg Junr
Michael Scruton
Josiah Moses
Joseph Mead
Elliot Vaughan
Wm Whittemore
John Allcock
Noah Emery
Marmaduke Browne
Wm Pearson
Cutt Shannon
Thomas Ayers Junr

John Griffeth
Eben Wentworth
Benj^{a} miller
Saml Langdon Cl^{k}
Sam^{ll} Hale
William Seawad
Charles Gorwood
John Newmarch
Charles Treadwell
Step^{n} Greenleaf
Sam^{ll} Brewster
Joseph Buss Junr
W–m Langdon
Nathl Fellows
Joseph Langdon Junr
William Nuttor
Jerem^{h} Libbey Junr
John Wentworth
Clem^{t} Jackson
Gershom Flagg
James Christee
George Moses
Sarah Priest
John Ayers
Danl Jackson
Benj^{a} Pitman
George Ayers Juner
Jonathan Warner
John Penhallow
Tobias Lear

[*Letter from Proprietors to Joseph Blanchard*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 38.]

Portsm^{o} Decr 3^{d} 1748

S^{r} We have both your Letters before us as to that of ye 30th of the last month for which we are obliged we greatly approve of your Scheme & ye Progress you have made and hereby give you full Power of agreeing with any person of note that can be Serviceable in Secureing ye Peace & Quiet of the Settlers either in new Ipswich or other Town as to Souhegan West if they should be troublesome

they can expect no favour from this Society and we shall soon prosecute Some of the foremost in the Opposition which if you think proper please to inform them of and let us know the men as to our bearing the Charge of a Lawsuit in contesting mason's Right we set out upon that footing at first & in Case any Suit is Commenced we expect to pay that Cost, we are now finishing the Grant of the Town above souhegan & think that a vote of the Proprietors at a Regular meeting better than any other Conveyance you will See our's to Capt Goffe & Associates with the particular Reservations & Articles —this is the Method prescribed by ye Gentlemen of ye law and is the most Customary & familiar way for such Proprieties to Act in—I am in behalfe & at ye Request of ye Society y^{t} purchased mason's Right y^{r} very Hum^{bl} Servt

Theodore Atkinson

P S. with Respect to ye affairs of Cohas between Goffe & Dunkin & ye Proprietors it is referred entirely to your adjustment & Settlement as you think is just the Society desire to See you as soon as possibly you can leave your private affairs and bring all ye Plans you can procure that will give any insight to their Concerns—Goffe has offer'd one third but we think one halfe for ye Proprietors y^{rs} ut Supra

T Atkinson

To Joseph Blanchard Esqur at Dunstable
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[*Petition of Ebenezer Ellinwood*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 39.]

Province of New Hampshire } To the Honble Theodore Atkinson Esqu^{r} and the other Purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esqu^{r} his Right in lands in Said Province humbly Shew's

That your Petitioner made a Purchase of a whole Right or share in a Township called Souhegan West about 14 or 15 years ago, and have for about 10 or 11 years past constantly dwelt in Said Town and improved Said Right with about 60 Acres besides And as I am lately informed that the proper Right & Title of Said Lands is in you, and being desirous of holding my Improvements under your Right & Title

I therefore pray your favour of Considering my Request of granting to me the Improvements I have made in Said Township, which I hope you will make to me upon the Same Conditions & Limitations

as you grant to others—and I shall ever pray &c[a]—Portsmouth January y[e] 17th 1748

Ebenezer Ellinwood

[Endorsed] at a meeting held y[e] 18th Inst Resolv'd to Accomodate y[e] within Petitioner in y[e] most convenient manner

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[*Petition from Inhabitants of Amherst*, 1748–9.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 40.]

To the Lord Proprietors of the Grant of M[r] John Tuftan Mason Esq[r] this humbly sheweth that we the subscribers Inhabitants of Soughegon West So called (being confident of your Hon[s] Respect, and Compassion to a poor people that have been greatly Reduc'd by the late destressing war) earnestly pray that your Hon[s] would Confirm our lands to us, that we have dearly purchased, and defended at the hazard of our lives, we need not inform your Hon[s] that there are Many of the Non Resident Prop[ts] of said Township, have been very Slack in paying their dues voted to defray the Charges of said Plantation, by which we have, many of us been great Sufferers, and that we by living here have advanced their Lands to be undoubtedly more than three times the value that it would have been had not we have settled here; and that we have fronted the Enemy in the late War, and not only defended our own land, but theirs; without receiving any Respect from them either by Amonition or any other way—

and we need not destress our Selves, but that your Hon[s] will take your praemium out of the Non Residents part. and so we rest your humble Petitioners

Dated at Soughegan West N° 3 Jan[y] y[e] 27th 1748.

Dan[ll] Wilkins	John Shepard	samuel walton
Thomas Clark ,	James Cochren	Andrew Bradford
Solomon hutchinson	William Bradford	William Haward
John Davis	Joshua Abbott	Benj[a] Wilkins
Daniel Wilkins Ju[r]	Benj[a] Clark	Andrew Bixbe
Joseph Wilkins	Andrew Seeton j[r]	Jacob Stanley
Joseph Ellinwood	David Hartshorn	Robert Stwart
Samuell Stwart	Joseph Boutell	Benjamin Cheenee
Samuel Lamsen	William peabody	Sam[ll] Caldwell

[*Petition of Humphrey Hobbs*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 41.]

Middleton N° 9th 1749

Gentlemen /

I was One of the First Settlers in Souheegun West, a town West of merrimack Built & did the duty on Two Lotts and Subdued them Sufficient for two familys to have Support there, & with my Family Continued there till by providence I was Called into the Indian War, then I moved my Family, 'till Lately your title or Claim I was Ignorant of And Expected the propr^s^ would take prudent Care & Accomodate which I understand they Have not (from Co^ll^ Blanchard, I have yet According to my purchassing under the Massachusetts Grant 2 Lotts 50 Acres each ye lotts I Setled, were 132 Acres each on which there is Inhabitants now now Gentlemen with You I must Rest this matter & desire you to Quiet me in ye Possession of these lands or take to your Selves, Such Reasonable part as you determin, And that it may be Done quick, I have desired Coll° Blanchard to Give me notice & I Shall Comply with your Determination

Humphrey Hobbs

Propr^s^ of Masons Grant.

[*Votes of Proprietors of Amherst*, 1759.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 41.]

At a Meeting of the Propr^s^ of Souhegan west N° 3 Held on The Last Thursday of Ap^l^ A D 1759 Voted—

John Mitchel & William Peabody a Committee to make Application to the Propr^s^ of John Tufton Mason Esq In order to have them Convey all their Right Title Interest Claim or property (to Souhegan to ye grantees propr^s^ or Inhabitance thereof & gave the Said Committee ye following Instruction viz to See if ye Propri^s^ of Mason afores^d^ Will For Seventeen of the Most Delinquent Rights of one Hundred And Twenty Quit all their Interest As Above Said and on their Compliance to Settle—

True Copy ☙ Jn° Shepard Junr Clerk

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 42.]

And After the Instruction Dated ye Last Thursday of Ap^l^ A D 1759 Gave the following only viz to offer & Ingage them Forty

Shillings Sterling ℔ Right in Case the first offer is refus[d] to have them Convey their Interest As In the Instruction before recited—
True Copy ℔ Jn° Shepard Ju[r] Clerk

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 42.]

At A Meeting of y[e] propr[rs] of Souhegan west N° 3 held on the Last thursday of Ap[l] A D 1759 John Mitchell & William Peabody Was Chosen to Settle with y[e] Propr[rs] of John Tufton Mason Esq In Behalf of Souhegan Prop[rs] or Inhabitance—

John Shepard Jun[r] Clerk

[*Letter from Joseph Blanchard to Proprietors*, 1759.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 43.]

Merrymac Nov[r] 27, 1759

Gentle[n] / Lieu[t] Peabody waits on you and Consederably Prepar[d] to make a Settle[t] with Respect to your Claim in Sowhegan West—Som of those Propr[s] my Late Father Settled with who have a Writing from him which they will Bring or Send Down to you Verry Soon and if any thing Remains for em yet to do they will Imediately Comply and Fullfill to a Tittle therefore I woud ask that their not paying as the Other Prop[rs] have, may not Imbarres a Settle[t] with those Who have paid—if my Fathers Grant to them Proves Insufficient, they Still Lye Fair for your Action—But what is Wright they will do they Fear a Law Suit I am Gentle[n]

Y[r] Most Humb[l] Ser[t]
J Blanchard

The Gentle[n] Prop[s] of masons Claim at Ports° —

[*Quitclaim to Certain Lots in Amherst, Dec.* 1, 1759.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 2, p. 124.]

Whereas Sundry persons claiming lands within the Limits of a tract of land called and known by the name of Souhegan West Number three situate in the Province of New Hampshire by virtue of a Grant of said Tract of land for a Township made by the Government of the province of the Massachusetts Bay, sensible of the weakness and Insufficiency of that title have by William Peabody & John Mitchell jun[r] their Committee applied to the said Proprietors of the

right of said Mason for a grant to them respectively of all the right, title and demand of said Proprietors according to the division which they had made pursuant to their said Claim, and the said Proprietors being desirous of having said lands settled and willing to Quiet those who have made any progress therein have on the consideration, Terms, Limitations and Conditions herein after Expressed & not otherwise only in such Instances as are otherwise Expressed—

Voted That there be and hereby is Given, granted & Conveyed unto the several persons whose names are herein after mentioned all the right, title, Interest, Claim, property & demand of said proprietors of in and unto the Shares, rights & Lotts of land set to each name and claimed by each person respectively according to the division aforesaid that is to say To the Reverend Daniel Wilkins minister of said place two whole rights or Shares so called and one half share with all the Lotts that are or shall be severed to him by name or to the right of the first minister of the Gospel settled there, *John Lee* and *Samuel Lee* both of manchester in the County of Essex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay Esq^{rs} one whole share, the first lott of which in the first division is N° 97 with all the after divisions, *Stephen Hall* of Medford Esqr one whole share the lot in the first division being N° 8, To the heirs of *John Turner* late of Salem Esqr Deceased three full Shares the first division lotts being N° 34, 42, 62, with all the after divisions excepting the lot in the Second division N° 123, *Ephraim Ingalls* of Salem aforesaid Tayler two whole shares, *Philemon Warner* of Glocester Esqr one whole share, *Thomas Tarbox* of Wenham Gent: one Second division lot N° 18 and one third division lot N° 119 *John Felton* of Danvers Yeom: one whole share *Jerem Dodge* of said Wenham Yeom: one whole share, *Peter Woodbury* of Beverly Yeom: two second division lotts N° 62 & 63 & third division lot N° 38 *Bartholomew Dodge* of said Wenham Yeom: three first division lotts N° 54,, 55,, 100, & three third division Lotts N° 17, 46, 73 *Epps Sargent* of said Salem Esqr, two full rights *Ebenezer Bacheller* of said Wenham Yeom: one second division Lot N° 110 and two third division Lotts N° 79. 80 Josiah Herrick for the Heirs of Capt *John Baker* late of said Wenham Yeom: deceased one whole share, Daniel Maccay of Salem Gent. for the heirs of Major *Joshua Hicks* four full Shares, Robert Hooper Esqr for the Heirs of *Joseph Swett* late of Marblehead Esqr deceased one full Share, *Samuel Bradford* of Middleton Yeom: one first division lot N° 1 one third division Lott N° 103, Capt *Andrew Fuller* of Middleton two second division Lotts N° 94, & 100 & two third division lotts N° 70, & 83, *Henry Campbell* of Londonderry Yeom: two full Shares, *Timothy Smith* of said Souhegan West Yeom: one full Share,

John Davis of said place one second division lot excepting ten acres N° 5 *Joseph Clerk* jun^{r}, of the same place one first division Lott N° 110 *Joseph Hutchinson* jun^{r} one first division Lot lying in the South West Corner of said tract of land joining to the river *Joseph Hutchinson* of Middleton Yeom: one first division lot N° 3 & two second division Lotts N° 37, & 38, *William Howard* of Merrimack Yeom: three first division Lotts N° 39, 40, 41 & one second division Lot N° 82 and one third division N° 35, *Robert Stuart and Samuel Stuart* two first division lotts N° 83, 94, two second division lotts N° 10 and 77, with six acres of meadow & nine acres of meadow and fifteen acres of upland joining thereto all now in their possession which meadow & land lies within the boundaries of the Lotts N° and N° in the first division with the undivided land belonging to two rights or shares, *Samuel Peters* of Andover one first division lott N° 108 with all the after drafts Lotts & divisions belonging to one Share or full right, *Josiah Abbott* of Souhegan one second division lot N° 53 & one third division Lott N° 76 Deacon *Joseph Bowtell* of said place two third division Lotts N° 19 & 20 & part of the two third division Lotts vizt N° 21 & 22 the said part being Sixty six acres in the whole *Thomas Wakefield* of said place one first division Lott N° 84 *John Smith* of the same place one first division Lott N° 101 *Joseph Steel* of said place two Second division Lotts N° 16 & 17 Col^{o} *Ebenezer Nichols* Esqr, of Reading three full Shares Excepting the first division Lott N° 44 *Jacob Richardson* one first division lot N° 44 aforesaid *James Rawlins* of Souhegan aforesaid one third division Lott N° 16, and one third part of the Lot N° 17 in the same division, *David Hartshorn* of said place one first division Lott N° 107 and one third Division N° 9 *Joshua Abbot* of said place one first division lot N° 111 with the letter W also thirty seven acres of Land adjoining to said lott *William Bradford* of Souhegan one first division Lott N° 85 & one third division lot N° 59, *Ebenezer Ellenwood* of Souhegan aforesaid one home lott he bought from Lamson & Walton & one second division lott N° 11 and one third division Lott, *Benjamin Clarke* of said place one first division Lott N° 102 *William Cod* of said place one Second division Lott N° 101 *Andrew Seatown* one first division Lott N° 74 *John Seatown* one third division Lott N° 7 both said persons being of said Souhegan, *George Willey* of said place one Second division lott N° 113 also thirty acres part of a third division Lott N° 18, *Oliver Carlton* of said place one second division Lott N° 56 *Francis Eliot* of said place one second division Lot N° 26 *Jacob Dresser* of said Place forty acres of a third division Lot on which forty acres he now lives, *Hugh Ross* of Souhegan one first division Lott N° 73 *James Seatown* of said place one first division

Lott N° 53, Simeon Fletcher of the same place one Second division Lott N° 9 James Cockran of said place one first division N° 27, one second division Lott N° 121, John McClinche of Merrimack one first division Lot N° 26, *Thomas Clark* of Souhegan one first division Lott N° 24 & one third division Lott not Drawn, *Benj*ª *Taylor* of said place one Second division Lott N° 43, *Nathan Fuller* of said place one Second division Lott N° 45 & fifteen acres part of Lott N° 28 inthe said Division Ebenezer Holt of Souhegan Seventy two acres of land where he now dwells, Benjamin Lovejoy of the said place two second division Lotts N° 97, & 98 and half first division Lott N° 110 with W. *John Stuart* of said place one full Share, *David Steel* of Londonderry one first division Lott N° 51, *Robert Moore* of said place for the Heirs of *Peter Cockran* late of said Souhegan deceased one third division Lott N° 86 *William Wallis* of said place one Second division Lott No 23 and thirty acres part of the Lott N° 24 in said Division, *Hezekiah Lovejoy* of said place one first division Lott N° 95 *Jacob Courtis* of said place part of a first division Lott where he now lives, being fifty two acres *William Hogg* one first division lott N° 46, *Samuel Seatown* of said Souhegan one first division Lott N° 75 & one, third division Lott N° 6, *Ebenezer Averill* of said place one second division Lott N° 32, *Joseph Reading* of Marblehead joiner one full share *Nathan Barker* of Andover two second division Lotts N° 89 and 59 John Warson of Souhegan one first division Lott N° 108 Mary Williams Thirty acres part of a third division Lott N° 27 Ensign *Robert Reed* of Souhegan Sixty acres being the Lott on which he now lives also thirty five acres known by the name of Carters place, *Josiah Sawyer* of Monson One Second division Lott N° 61 Benjamin Wilkins one full share Benjamin Watson one third division Lott N° 113 both the last named persons being of Souhegan aforesaid Andrew Bigsbey of the same place one third division Lott not drawn Lucey Wilkins of said Place, widow one second division Lott N° 25 excepting ten acres, *Samuel Lamson* of said place one third division Lot 101, *Isaac Holt* of said place one first division lott N° 106 and thirty six acres of land where he now lives William Melandy of said place one second division Lot N° 6 *John Washer* of said place fifty one acres of the Lott N° 28 in the second division and fifteen acres which he purchased, *Solomon Hutchinson* of said place three first division Lotts one being the Lott on which he lives the others being N° 15 & also two second division Lotts N° 4 & 112 also one third division Lott N° 131 with ten acres more and two full Shares in the Common also one third division Lot N° 26, *John Cole* of Souhegan one second division Lott N° 54 *James Russell* of Haverhill three full Shares, *Nathaniel Walker* of Haverhill one first division lott N° one third division lot N°

Abner Fellows & Jerem: *Fellows*, both one full share, Jerem: Farrington of Chelmsford one full Share and one second division lot N° 111 and one third division lott N° 100, *William Jones* of Monson one second division lott N° 25 & fifty acres which was part of William Hobbs's farm, *Benjamin Davis* thirty acres of a first division lott N° 6, Widow Amy Hobbs of said Souhegan Sixty acres of the said Farm called Hobbs's farm being the share of two of her Children and the part of set off as her dower, *Henry Sawyer* of Methuen one first division Lott N° 32 & one third division Lott N° 119 *Caleb Sawyer* of Dracutt one second division Lott N° 47—*Jonathan Harwood* of Chelmsford one third Division Lott N° 63, Capt Ebenezer Parker of the same place one full Share John McClelland of Souhegan one first division Lott N° being the Lott on which he dwells, *Eben^{r} Ellenwood jun^{r}* one first division Lott N° 106 *Thomas Town* thirty acres part of a third division Lott N° 17 both of Souhegan, Joseph Lovejoy of said place thirty acres of land part of a first division Lott N° 110 with W. *Andrew Bradford* two Second division lotts N° 21, & 22 *Samuel Brown* of Chester forty two acres and one Quarter of a first division Lott N° 87 and thirty three acres of a second division Lott N° 60 *Caleb Upton* of Souhegan twelve acres on which he now dwells, *James Caldwall* of Londonderry Seventeen Acres and three Quarters of a first division Lott N° 87 also one half of a third division Lott N° 132 also twenty acres of a second division Lott N° 60, *Joseph Ellenwood* of said Souhegan one Second division Lott N° 8 *William Peabody* of said Place three full Shares Excepting one first division Lott N° 70 which is sold and thirty acres he purchased of William Small joining to the land on which he lives, the said three full Shares were claimed by Stephen Peabody late father of the said William the first division lotts belonging to said Shares are N° 13 N° 70 & N° 19 and it appears the said Shares were given by the said Stephen to the said William by deed of Gift and to the widow Lydia Wilkins fifteen acres of land now in her possession, and to the Widow *Mary Addams* of Dunstable one whole right or Share on which she lately dwelt, during her natural life and then to Her three daughters to be equally divided between them or their heirs or assigns—to *John Grimes* of said Souhegan thirteen acres in lot N° 60 in Second division, Widow *Elizabeth Bell* of said Danvers one first division lot N° 57 and one third division Lot N° 60 and after draft belonging to said lotts, *Ebenezer Abbot* of said Andover one second division lot N° 48, *Ephraim Abbot* of said Souhegan one whole right now in his possession and one first division Lott N° 108 *Moses Truewell* of said Souhegan one first division lot N° 18 *James Curtis* of Boxford one second division lot N° 40 — and

one half part of a third division Lot N° 114, *Thomas Bigsbey* one first division Lot N° 89 and one half part of a third division Lot N° 132 *Samuel Lampson* of said Souhegan one Second division Lot N° Samuel Porter, Mary Putnam and Abigail Porter one whole Share that was Eleazer Porters of Danvers their father deceased, *William Peabody* aforesaid one acre land he purchased of said Amy Hobbs, *Nath*[ll] *Greenwood* of Boston one Second Division Lott N° 119: and one third Division Lot N° 44: and y[e] undivided land belonging to a whole Right. *John Cunningham* of Boston one whole Share or Right *Reuben Walton* of Souhegan West one half of a third division—*Thomas Avrel* of Souhegan West one first Division *William Peterson* of Litchfield one first Division—*Edward Melody* one Second Division—*The Heir of Zacheus Perkins* of Rowley — two whole Shares — *Jeremiah Dodge* aforesaid one whole share which he Purchased of——— Conant of Beverly

To have and to hold the said full Shares and rights with all the several Lotts and divisions drawn or to be drawn to them respectively belonging or any ways appertaining, and all the particular lotts & parcells of land aforesaid to the several persons before mentioned respectively and to their respective heirs & assigns forever on the following consideration, terms, conditions & Limitations—That is to Say that the owner of a full Share pay to the said Committee or either of them for the use of said proprietors the Grantors in these presents the sum of fifty one Shillings Sterling money and three Shillings like money for the use of said Committee for their time Expences & trouble in procuring this Grant & Collecting and paying said money, for every such share and in that proportion for what land each grantee in these presents holds as aforesaid more or less than a full share or whole right, said money to be paid within six months from the date hereof—

Secondly that each Grantee pay his respective proportion of all outstanding debts and Taxes not yet paid which have arisen in carrying on the Settlement the nonpayment of which tends greatly to retard the Settlement & cultivation of said Lands,

Thirdly That they also duly pay all neccessary future taxes and dues which shall arise for promoting the End aforesaid in proportion to their several rights and Interests in said Land.

Fourthly That such persons abovenamed who shall comply with these Terms shall hold his respective share part and Interest granted as aforesaid which the default omission or neglect of others in this regard shall not affect, but the Interest, right, title & demand hereby intended to be Granted, shall be and remain in the said Grantors as tho' this Grant had never been made, upon default & failure as aforesaid—

Provided Nevertheless that nothing be demanded & paid for the following shares vizt the shares and parts aforesaid Granted as aforesaid to the said Daniel Wilkins one Share or right for the use of the ministry commonly called the Ministerial Share or right, one right for the use of the School, the land granted to the widow Amy Hobbs, that granted to Lucy Wilkins, that Granted to Mary Williams, and that granted to Lydia Wilkins, but these shares and Lotts of land granted as aforesaid, and all the right of said proprietors are hereby freely given to the respective Grantees and uses aforesaid and also that right purchased by Henry Cambell of Henry Flint Esqr—

[*Elijah Porter to Proprietors*, 1760.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 44.]

Middleton, June 7th 1760

Gentlemen

this Day I saw ou^{r} m^{r} John Mitchell Ju^{r} he Show'd me ye Terms you had proposed to ye proprietors of Sowhegan west, for their having their Lands Secur'd, which I heard of but about a month before, I am Concern'd for the Right of Mr Eleazer [Porter] of Danvers Dec^{d}, which he had of Capt John Wildes, I as Admi^{r} of ye estate of ye s^{d} Porter, have paid all the publick Taxes that has Come to my knowledge, but I being from home when I Saw s^{d} Mitchel & I had not ye Receipts of s^{d} Taxes with me, and s^{d} Mitchell Told me he Could not procure a grant without I agree'd to Settle it in ye Space of Six months, from ye Date of ye grant I am willing to pay ye Sum of mony that your Honours propos'd to be paid for ye Securing of ye Rights—But I beg Leave to assign Sum Reasons why I Cannot so well comply with ye terms of Settleing s^{d} Right, viz ye s^{d} Porter Died in Octo^{r} A D 1756, and within about three week after his Death, his two oldest Son and his wife Died, and he Left only one Son and two Daughters, then all miners, and I was Guardian for them, ye Daughters are Sence of age, and ye father provided in his will for ye Son to be brought up to a liberal Eaditation and last July he Enter'd at Cambridge Colledge, he will be 21 years of age in about three years and eight month, and ye afores^{d} Breaches in ye family made great Defecultys—and Considering all Circumstances, I am under Sum Difficulty to proceed as guardian to ye son in ye Settlemen with ye Daughters &c Therefore if your Honours will be pleas'd to Take ye premises into your Consideration and Annex ye names of ye three Surviving heirs viz Saml Porter Mary Putnam & Abigail Porter Then I hereby promise to pay the s^{d} John Mitchell Fifty four Shillings Starling with Intrest from ye Date of ye grant—

I am with great Respect your Honours Most Obedient & Most Hum^{l} Ser^{t}

Elijah Porter

To the Hon^{ll} Proprietors of Masons Patten

[*Samuel Gray to Proprietors*, 1760.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 45.]

Sr About two years Since I Purchas'd A Tract of Land in Amherst Consisting of about two Hundred Acres have a good Warrantee Deed Legally Executed; the Gentleman I purchas'd of verbally promis'd to clear the Land of Masons claims, but now when it comes to The Case utterly refuses—I have bought and Sold a great deal of Land in the Government Especially in Bow: Claims, and those that purchas'd of me are freequently Calling upon me to Make up their losses in Settling, if I must pay that and this all I am worth upon Earth will not do it—I think it very hard indeed that they insist upon it for I never resisted the Claimes of Bow: but urged a Settlement with them long ago and would have Settled with them myself if I could have done it exclucively—and now s^{r} I stand ready every Moment to pay your demands upon the Land I have purchas'd here if I can save my Land by it but If I must pay all that is demanded here and in Penny Cook and Suncook, I had as good deliver up my possessions first as last for as the Proverb is no one can have any More of a Cat then her skin—but upon the whole I am willing to do anything that I can do Consistant with my safety I have now let Your Honour know in a few words how my case is, if you will tel me know which I must do in this Case I will very chearfully do it if my abilities will admit—for I dread a Law Suit And So with the lowest Submission I beg leave to Subscribe myself your very humble serv^{t}

Amherst June ye 15 1760. Samuel Gray

[*John Mitchell Jr. to Proprietors*, 1765.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 46.]

Sr This may inform you that I intended to have Com to portsmouth Before this time In order to have had maters Ajusted about the money that I Left with Esqr Peirce But wanted to have Colected more money But have Ben Disapointed about it Therefore I Take this Oppertunaty By Co^{ll} Saml Barr to Send by him a List of mens

Names Who have paid S^{d} money and There is four of them that must be Entred Into the grant maid by the Proprietors of masons patent to the Clamers of Land in Souhegon west alias Amherst and you to Certify to me that those four is Entred there names are as followeth viz

Ruben Walton of S^{d} place one half of a third Division.
Thom^{s} avrel of S^{d} place one first Division
Willm Peterson of Litchfeald one first Division
Jeremiah Doge of wenham one whole Right

As also you to Sign a Recep^{t} which I have Sent with Co^{ll} Barr he Paying you according to the Rate of Two Shillings Sterling for Each full Share or Right in S^{d} Town for your Troble in Entring those names that Did not Comply at the first which is the Sum you told me you must have which amounts to Three shillings and Seven pence half peney Sterling for the above S^{d} four

and when that is Don Co^{ll} Barr is to Deliver Esqr Peirce his Recep^{t} and in your So Doing you will oblige Your Humble Ser^{t}

John Mitchel Ju^{r}

P: S: Londonderry June the 18th 1765

The Sum of money Left with Esqr Peirce is 756–10–0 old Tenor which makes 28: 7 – 4¾ Sterling and Co^{ll} Barr will pay The Remainder to make up the Sum in the Recept which is 5/5¾ Sterling and I hope in a short time to have more money Colected ℔ J: M:

[*List of Purchasers in Amherst*, 1765.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 47.]

A List of the Names of Shuch of the Claimers of Land in Souhegon West Alias Amherst Who have paid the Sums agreed upon for their Respective Lots and Shares of Land there to the proprietors of masons patent So Calld Viz

Jacob Richeson one first Division	0 – 17 – 10 – 3
Ebenz^{r} Ellinwood one whole Right	2 – 11 – 0 – 0
Ruben Walton for half a third Division	0 – 6 – 8 – 2
Thom^{s} avrel one first Division	0 – 17 – 10 – 3
John felton one whole Right June 1765 entred	2 – 11 – 0 – 0
Ebenz^{r} avrel one Second Division June 1765	0 – 19 – 8 – 1
Henery Sayer one first and one third Division	1 – 11 – 3 – 3
Jonathan Harwood one third Division	0 – 13 – 5 – 0
Nathan Barker Two Second Divisions June 1765	1 – 19 – 4 – 2
Edward melody one Second Division	0 – 19 – 8 – 1

John Walsher one Second Division	0	19	8	1
Isaac Holt one first Division and thirty Six acres 1765	1	7	11	2
William peterson one first Division	0	17	10	3
Samuel Brown for fourty acres and one forth of an acre of a first Division and thirty three acres of a Second Division	1	1	9	0
Jeremiah Doge one Whole Right June 1765	2	11	0	0
James Russel three Whole Rights June 1765	7	13	0	0
	£ 27	19	3	1
Andrew Bigsbe one third Division June 1765		13	5	0
	28.	12.	8.	1

[*Joseph Blanchard to Proprietors*, 1785.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 47.]

In the Town of Amherst there is Several Lots unoccupy'd and No Regular Claimers to them—those Lots may be appropriated to the use of the Masonian Prop^{rs} also Some persons, in that Town have Some years Since, agreed with the Prop^{rs} to pay a Certain Sum p^{r} Lot and in Sum instances pay has been made but in many Instances the mony has been Rais'd but never paid in in other Cases notes have been taken and Now lye Dead—an Enquiry may be Attend With Some Success—tho' not Large But it is a Pitty when money has been Collected & notes Given for the Use of the Prop^{rs} that nothing further should be done and the Delinquent Lots made use of these hints are Given by the Prop^{rs} Hum^{l} Servt

To whom it may Concern — Joseph Blanchard

Pots^{o} June 15: 1785—

Wm Peabody and John Mitchell were the Principal Actors in Respect of Receiving money & notes—

[*Joshua Atherton to Proprietors*, 1796.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 48.]

Amherst Jany 18th 1796

Sir,

Pursuant to y^{rs} of 13th instant, inclose to you the papers mentioned in the Schedule that accompanies them, Preston has not

executed the Business on his part, & as he has had Time enough, thought it best to return the papers—I have not put his mortgage on Record, as I supposed your old Title was as good as the mortgage.

Jones has perpetrated a great Fraud upon James Jones to whom he sold 500 Dol^{rs} worth of the land & got his pay—James neglected to put his Deed on Record, and Jones had the Address to get his Creditors to attach the land, by which poor James is totally ruined, Jones (Sam) not being worth a farthing that can be come at—perhaps it will be in your power by retaining your old Title, to help James to Justice—could you do it, every one must applaud it as an Act of Justice—but you are the proper Judge how far you can lend him aid herein! The Attachment by the Creditors of Jones, was since your Mortgage was on Record I suppose.

Inclose also the Register's Certificate, which with the Deeds & Notes above referred to are all the papers in my possession relative to the Business with Jones.

It is almost seven years since the Notes of Swett you mention were put into my Hands—The Business was quite out of my mind, and to add to my perplexity, the Actions stand Entered Woodbury Langdon & others vs Swett, a Name seemingly a Stranger to the Business—However I finally found the Notes in the Clerk's office and send Copies.—

Your Mortgage Deeds from Jones, the Register thinks you took from him sometime ago. says he will look further into the Matter. Silsby is waiting, and if I have not executed all your Expectations, will add hereafter think I have.—

With Esteem, I am your most Hum^{l} Servt

Joshua Atherton

John Peirce Esqr

ANDOVER.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, November 20, 1751, to Edmund Brown and others, and named *New Breton* in honor of the captors of Cape Breton, some of whom were among the grantees. Also called *Brown's-town* and *Emery's-town*. The charter was renewed November 6, 1771; incorporated as Andover, June 25, 1779.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 116; Index to Laws, 21; sketch by N. J. Bachelder, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 328; Topographical and Historical Account, by Jacob B. Moore, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 9; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 252, 302; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 347.]

[*Proprietors to Edmund Brown*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5. p. 49.]

To Mr Edmund Brown

you are hereby licenced to take a Plan of Six Miles Square at or near a Place called Pemigewasset in order for a Setlement of a Township for your Self & Associates upon Such Terms as shall be agreed upon by ye Proprietors of s^{d} Tract of Land for you & associates & Mark ye Boundaries of s^{d} Six Miles Sqare & make return of a Plan thereof in order for a Grant Dated at Portsm^{o} ye 2^{d} Day of Novr 1748—By order of ye Proprietors—

Geo Jaffrey jun^{r} C^{l}

[*Petition of Daniel Wormall and Others*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 50.]

Province of New Hampshire } To the Proprietors of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esqr to that part of the Province of New Hampshire Granted to his Ancestor—

The Humble Petition of Daniel Wormall and others whose names are hereunto Subscribed—Shews—

That Your Petitioners being Informed that you were Disposed to grant the Lands You have purchased, to Such Persons as would make and Carry on a Settlement Effectually on Reasonable Terms, They being resolved so to do in Case they Could Obtain a Suitable Tract of Land, have been Encouraged to ask for the Same. And in Case they Can Obtain Your Favour In that regard In Such a place as may be Encouraging to your Petitioners they will Im'ediately proceed to begin the Settlement and Shall as in Duty bound both with respect to Your Selves and Your Title Ever Pray &c^{a} November 16th 1748

Daniel Wormall	Jeremiah Veasey	George Creighton
thomas Webster	Henry Marshall	Daniel Gael
John Carty	Joseph Swasey	Edward Ladd
John Wells	Nathan Tayler	John Baird
Thomas Giford	Goen hemphill	William Grant
Jonathan Greeley	Charles Rundlet	Daniel Grant
William Moor	John Creighton	Simon Gillman
Nath^{ll} Ladd jnr	Noah Emery	Samuel Connor
Moses Connor	Solomon Read	John Kimball
Daniel Ward	Samuel Ederley	John Ederley

John Borgam	Kinsley Hall James	Hawley Marshall
Elias Ladd	Ebenezer Easeman	john Gibson
John Forist	Thomas Creighton	James Gibson
Willain gilman	David Connor	James Stoodly Jur
Beingman gilman	Jeremiah gilman	Caleb Eastman
Nell McGaffey	Thomas Lukes	James Lukes
James Norris	James Gormon	Rerched Yourk Jur
Joseph Gills	Thomas Veasey	Sinkler Been
William fullerton	Thomas Piper	John Light
Joseph Rolans	Jonathan Ambros	True : Dudley
Gillman Dudley	Jeremiah Gillman Juner	William Simson
Satchel Clark	Thomas Veasey Jur	Moses Smith
John Gorge	Thomas Fuller	Robert Barber
Daniel Barber	William Hilton	Joseph Ceilley
Richard Emery	Peter Thing	John Emery
Nich Perryman	Noah Emery	Jeremiah Connor Junr
Eliphalet Connor	Samll Connor Jur	

Portsmo Jany 11th 1748

Mr Jere Veasy in ye within Petition desires to be considered no further as a Petitioner

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[*Petition of Ladd and Young*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 51.]

To the Honl Theodore Atkinson Esqr & others Purchasers & Proprietors of Mason's Right so called——

We ye Subscribers some of ye Officers & Soldiers in ye late Expedition against Cape Briton understanding that you are about to grant Lands to ye Subjects of this Province upon certain Terms unknown to us & having had encouragement that we might obtain a Township upon Application We therefore pray in ye Name & on ye behalf of ye Said Officers & Soldiers as well as on our own that there may be a Township or a tract of Land granted to ye Sd officers & Soldiers upon Such Terms & in Such Manner as you grant to others of our Fellow Subjects or upon Such Terms as to you may Seem best for your & our Interest

John Lad
Jonathan young

[*List of Petitioners with Capt. Ladd*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 52]

a list of there names

Capt John Lad	Trueworthy Lad	Ser Jonathan Chout
Elias Rano	Epham Collins	Paul Prassay
Moses Atkions	Samuel Scribner	Lef^{t} Samuel Sanbourn
John Young junr	Ser Ralph Blaisdel	William Page
Lef^{t} Joseph Sleeper	Abraham wadson	Samuel Lock
Joseph Greely	Left Jonathan farrin	John Ellit
Samuel Goodwin	Jonathan wadson	Philip Challlis
Jonathan Kimbel	Jonathan Young	Hezekiah Sleeper
John Lad junr	John Calfe	Aaron Young
John Hubbourd	Henery Sleeper	Benjamin Chout
olander Bayley	William Whacher	thomas Estoman
Joseph Bean	Ambrous Hines	Ser moses Davis
androw Whecher	Henery Bayley	Nathanel Ash
Joseph Collens	thomas Bettel	Samuel tomson
Benjamin Tucker	Samuel Juel	Ser Jonathan Greeley
Enoch Chaiel	Jerimah Curriery	John Curriery
thomas newman	Jonathan Greeley	Ebenezer webster
Samuel franch junr	Ralph Blaisdill Corpor	Thomas Lock
Benjamin Sanbourn	Josier Huck	Caleb Clough
		Charles Hontoun

[*Brown and Emery to Proprietors about Andover*, 1749.]

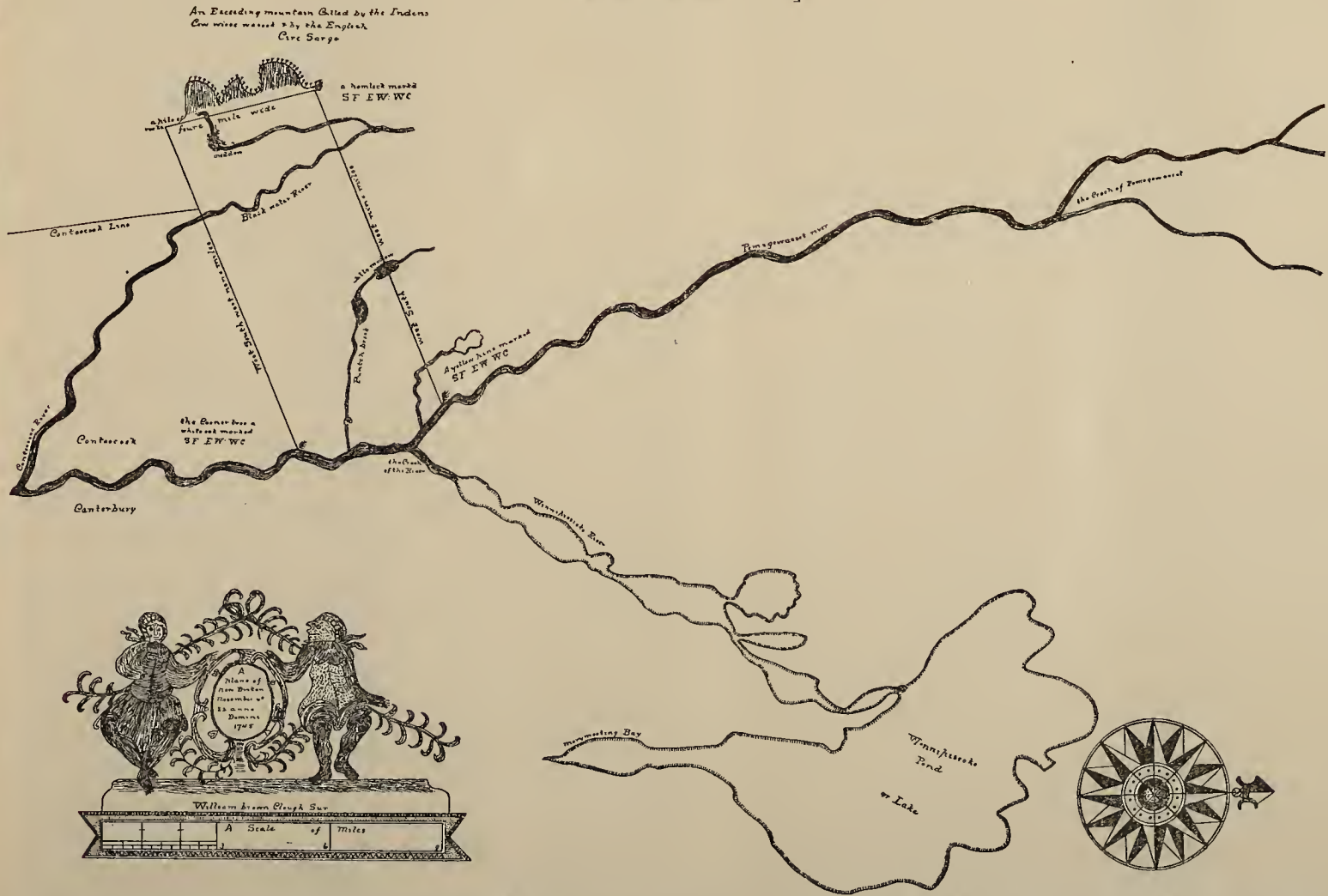
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 53.]

Gentlemen

Agreable to your Order we have Runout a Township Adjoining to Maj^{r} Stevens^{s}, four miles wide upon the River & Nine miles Deep as appears by the Plan we have Lodg^{d} But in as much as there is a Large Pond in ye Middle of S^{d} Township Consisting of three miles Long & a mile wide, besides Several Small ponds & a Large Raggid mountain all which Take up a Very Considerable part of S^{d} Township—

We Computeing the Loss Can't: Think we Shall be Equal to your Vote Except you please to Give us half a mile farther upon Pemigawassitt River & Then Run a west Line 'till we Come to Black Water River & Let that be our Hed Line till it will Cross y^{e} hed Line in y^{e} Plan & from thence Run to the Corner of Major Stevens^{s} Township We would also Desire y^{e} Sole Priviledg of black Water river So

[*Plan of Andover*, 1748.]



A Town Joyning upon the northend side of Contoocook & upon the western side of the Croch of the river which has ben latly run round for the Cape briton men of hampton: the said town was formaly laid out by the masechusetts, & whereas them Grants are in no force we the said Cape briton men desire to have it Confirmed to Us, & the town is nine mile long & foure mile wide, Joyning upon Contoocook, this town may be propaly Called new Briton if his Excalancy alows of the name.

Left Ezekiel Worthen Ins^{n} Samuil french Commity men: William brown Clough Surveyer november ye 22, 1748

Voted That there be & hereby is Granted unto Edmund Brown William Swain Archelaus Lakeman John Hoyt John Brown Daniel Cram Nathan Row Amos Dwinell Daniel Sanborne John Sanborne Joseph Gove Benjamin Leavitt Nathan Longfellow David Norton Walter Williams Benjamin Swett Junr Benjamin Shaw Benjamin Tilton Joseph Prescott Thomas Sillea Israel Blake John Ellis Daniel Weare Nathaniel Healey Benjamin Sanborne Robert Miller Tobias Lakeman all of Hampton Falls in said Province Edward Brown & Jonathan Beck of Salisbury in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Samuel Bathrick of Portsmouth in said Province of New Hampshire Ezekiel Worthen Joseph Weare Samuel Blake Junr John Chapman Samuel Blake Nathan Dow Samuel French William Brown Clough, Jesse Prescott Ebenezer Loverin all of Kensington in the Province of New Hampshire aforesaid Anthony Emery John Marston Simon Marston Joshua Towle Daniel Marston John Leavitt Jonathan Leavitt Nathaniel Bachelder all of Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire Aforesaid Samuel French Richard Smith Benjamin Eaton Joseph French Hezekiah Karr Benjamin French all of South Hampton & Hampton Falls in the Province of New Hampshire aforesaid—David Page David Lowel, Nason Cass, Joseph Rawlins all of Exeter in said Province of New Hampshire Jonathan Sanborne of Kingston in the Province Afores^{d} Robert Calf of Chester in the Province of New Hampshire aforesaid—On the Terms Conditions and Limitations herein after Expressed, all that Tract of Land within the Province of New Hampshire Containing the quantity of about forty Square Miles Bounded as follow's Viz^{t} Beginning at a Great Rock on the Westerly side of Pemigewassett River which Rock is the Northeasterly Bounds of a Tract of Land Granted to Ebenezer Stevens Jedediah Philbrick & others by said Proprietors; Then Running West Seventeen Degrees South ten Miles Then Beginning again at said rock & Running up the River so far as to Contain four Miles upon a Strait Line thence West Seventeen Degrees South Ten Miles Thence on a Strait line to the end of the first ten Mile line—

To have & to Hold to them their Heirs & Assigns forever in Equal Shares on the following Terms Conditions & Limitations that is to say the Tract of Land within the said Boundaries (Saving what is herein aftermentioned to be otherwise Improved) be divided into Eighty one Shares or Rights & each Share to be laid out into three Distinct Lots The Two first to Contain each an hundred acres and the other all the Rest of the Land Belonging to each Respective Share That the whole be laid out as Equitably as Possible That the three Lots belonging to one Share be Numbred with the Same Number so as

to make but one Draught for the three Lots belonging to Each Share That the said Land be so laid Out within Nine Months from the Granting Thereof & then the Lots Drawn for in the Usual Manner of Drawning for Lots of Land in such Cases And that this be done at Portsmouth aforesaid under the Care and Direction of the Grantors & a true plan thereof Returned at the same time to the Grantors— That one of the said Shares be for the first Minister of the Gospel who Shall be Settled on the said Land & Continue there Dureing his life or untill he Shall be Regularly Dismiss'd—To hold to him his heirs & Assigns—And one other of the said Shares to be for & towards the Support of the Gospel Ministry there forever—And the first hundred Acre Lots belonging to these two Shares shall be laid out as near the place where the Meeting house Shall be built as may Conveniently be done—and not be drawn for as the other Lots That there be ten Acres of Land Left & Reserved forever in some Convenient place within said Boundaries for Building a Meeting house— & School house upon and for a Training Field a Burying place & any other Publick use the Inhabitants there may have Occasion for that one other of said Shares be for the use & Support of a School there forever—

That Eighteen of the said Shares be & hereby are Reserved to the use of the said Proprietors the Grantors in these Presents their heirs And Assigns That the owners of the other Sixty Shares make a Regular Settlement there at their Own Charge & Expence in the following manner Viz^{t} That fifteen Families be Settled upon said Tract of Land each having an house of Sixteen foot Square at Least or Equal thereto & four acres of Land Cleared & fitted for Tillage or mowing upon their Respective Shares within four years next after the Granting hereof & fifteen Families more so Settled within Six years from the Granting & thirty Families more within ten years from the Granting hereof That within Eight Years from the Granting hereof a meeting house be Built for the Publick Worship of God & fitted for that Purpose for the use of the Inhabitants there and that they maintain & Support the Constant Preaching of the Gospel there after the Expiration of ten years from the Granting hereof and that the said Grantees Determine within one year from the Date of the Grant which of the said Sixty Settlers shall be the first & Second fifteen & make Report to the said Grantors within one Year from the Date hereof—That there be Twenty acres of Land left in some Suitable place within said Boundaries for a Priviledge & Accom'odation of a Saw mill with Suitable Roads leading thereto which shall be to him or them his & their heirs & assigns (the Roads Excepted) who shall build Such A mill within three years from the Granting hereof with

the Priviledge of the most Convenient Stream & place for Doing the same & in Consideration thereof for the Benefit of the said Inhabitants the owner or Owners of such mill shall Saw the Logs & Timber of the other of the said Inhabitants or such as are preparing to Build there to the halves for the term of Seven years next after the said Mill shall first Work if desired so to do & if no Particular Person or Persons of the owners of said Shares or such other person or persons as the Majority of them shall Permit to do the same will undertake to Build such mill on the terms aforesaid; Then the said owners shall do the same at their Common Charge & put the said mill under such a Regulation as that they & other Inhabitants there or such as shall be preparing to Settle may have their Logs & Timber Sawed at the halves as Occasion may require for Building on the Land hereby Granted That each owner of the said Sixty shares pay to such Person or Persons as the Majority of them shall Elect for that Purpose——all such Sum and sums of money or bills of Publick Credit as the said owners or the major part of them shall Determine to be necessary from time to time & as occasion shall Require to Defray the Charges of laying out the said land as aforesaid & other Matters & things necessary to be done for making a Settlement as aforesaid & performing the other matters & things herein Directed to be done

That the lots be laid out in Ranges where the land will admit of it best & land Left between the Ranges for highways of four Rods wide & also between the lots as many roads as may be thought Convenient, of four Rods Wide & that a plan of the whole when so laid out be made at the Charge of the said Owners & Returned to the Grantors when said Lots are drawn for as aforesaid, That the Eighteen Shares Reserved as aforesaid be Exonerated acquitted & fully Exempted from paying any Charge towards making said Settlement and not held to the Conditions of the Sixty Shares aforesaid nor be liable to any Tax or Assessment untill Improved by the Grantors their heirs or assigns—That all white pine Trees fit for Masting the Royal Navy be & hereby are Reserved & Granted to his Majesty his heirs & Successors forever for that Purpose——

That in Case any one or more of the first fifteen Setlers their Heirs Executors administrators or Assigns shall neglect & omitt doing & performing what is to be done & performed by the said first fifteen Setlers Respectively within the time herein limitted then such Delinquent owner or owners share in the said tract of Land shall be forfeited unto the other forty five owners & others as shall have done their part & that they shall have the term of one year more for doing & Performing the Same——

And that in Case any one or more of the Second fifteen Setlers

their Heirs Executors Administrators or assigns Shall Neglect & omit to do & perform what is to be done & performed by the said Second fifteen Setlers Respectively within the time herein limited then Such Delinquent owner or owners share in the said Tract of Land shall be forfeited unto the other thirty owners & others as shall have done their part & that they shall have the Term of one year more for the Doing & performing the same & that in Case Sixty families shall not be Settled within the time herein Limited by the said Sixty owners their Heirs or assigns—then the whole of the said Sixty Shares shall revert unto the Grantors their Heirs or Assigns and that the said Grantors their Heirs or assigns shall & may enter into the Same & take Possession thereof as tho this Grant had never been made——

Provided always in Case of an Indian war within any of the Terms of Years above Limited for the Doing any of the said Matters & things aforesaid by the said Owners to be done the same number of Years as Such war shall last shall be allowed after that Impediment shall be removed and in Case any Action or Suit shall be bro't against the Grantees or any of them for the said Tract of Land or any part thereof——

In the Right of the King under the Massachusetts Province the Claim of Sam[l] Allen Esq[r] Deceas'd or the Million Acre Grant so Called the said Grantees are hereby Obliged to Vouch the said Grantors or such of the said Grantees as shall be so Sued shall so do, & the said Grantors hereby Promise & Ingage they their heirs Exectors administrators or assigns shall & will at their own Cost & Expence Defend one Action or Suit upon one of the said Titles or Rights & pursue the same to final Judgement through the whole Course of the law (if there shall be Occation) and in Case the final Judgement in such trial shall be against the said Grantors the Grantees shall Recover nothing over in Satisfaction of and from the said Grantors their Heirs Executors or Administrators or any of them— Provided also that the said Grantees do Sign an Instrument within nine months from the Granting hereof therein Acknowledging that they do hold the same under the Grantors and thereby Obliging themselves to do & perform what they are Enjoined to do & perform and Return said Instrument to the Grantors within the time aforesaid—

[*Grant of Forfeited Shares to Town Proprietors*, 1752.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Feb. 20, 1752.]

Province of } Portsmouth February 20th 1752. Thursday
New Hampshire } Six of the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton—The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas the said Proprietors on the 20th day of Novr 1751 Granted to Edmund Brown William Swain Archelaus Lakeman & others a Certain Tract of Land in said Province Containing the Quantity of about forty Square miles Bounded as follows Vizt Beginning at a Great Rock on the Westerly side of Pemigiwassett River which Rock is the North Easterly Bounds of a Tract of Land Granted to Ebenr Stevens Jedidiah Philbrick & others by said Proprietors then Running West Seventeen Degrees South ten Miles then Beginning again at said Rock and Running up the River so far as to Contain four Miles upon a Strait line thence West Seventeen Degrees South ten Miles thence on a Strait line to the end of the first Ten mile Line on Certain Terms Conditions & Limitations Particularly Set forth & Expressed in the Vote Whereby the said Grant was made among which is the Article following that in case Sixty Families Shall not be Settled within the time Limitted (in said Vote for the Settling of that Number) by the owners of Sixty Shares of the said Tract of Land (who are to make said Settlement) or their Heirs or Assigns the Grantors their Heirs or Assigns shall & may Enter into the same and take Possession thereof as tho' the said Grant had never been made

And Whereas it has been Represented to the said Proprietors in behalf of the Grantees that from other Articles in said Vote it was Necessary a Short time farther than that Limitted in said Vote for the Settling of the said Sixty Families should be granted and Allowed for the perfecting of said Settlement as the case may happen in Carrying on the same. Which motion having been Considered & the said Proprietors being desireous of giving all Reasonable Encouragement to the said Settlers and of having the said Settlement Effected according to the Design of the Grant—

Voted Therefore that the share of each of the said Grantees who were to make the said Settlement according to said Vote & who shall not have performed & done his part & Duty therein at the time limitted in the said Vote for the Co'pleating & perfecting the Settlement of Sixty Families on said Land according to the true Intent and meaning thereof be & hereby is granted to such of said Grantees as shall have Done & performed their Respective part and Duty therein Provided Nevertheless & on this Condition only that those

Joshua Peirce Esqr	48
the Right of Jonathan Odiorne Esqr deceas^{d}	72
Ezekiel Worthen	3
Jno Thomlinson & Jno Tufton Mason Esq^{rs}	36
Archelaus Lakeman	12
Amos Dwinal	31
Joseph French	10
Benj^{a} Tilton	57
Samuel Blake jun^{r}	35
Samuel French	21
Jesse Prescutt	65
Nathl Meserve Joseph Blanchard Esq^{rs} &c	2
Samuel Bathrick	51
John Wentworth Esqr	18
Danl Peirce & Mary Moore	53
Saml Solly & Cl^{t} March Esq.	52
Daniel Sanburn	68
Edmund Brown	20
Benjamin Eaton	9
David Page	80
Jonathan Sanburn	59
Samuel French	24
John Ellis	45
John Sanburn	49
Jonathan Leavit	34
Benj^{a} Swett jun^{r}	28
Joseph Prescutt	76
John Rindge	47
Nathan Row	27
Richard Smith	58
Thomas Packer Esq	46
Joseph Rawlins	33
George Jaffrey Esqr	63
John Marston	61
Samuel Blake	11
Theodore Atkinson Esqr	81
Daniel Weare	6
Benj^{a} French	26
Hezekiah Karr	42
Daniel Marston	5
Nathl Bachelder	39
Nason Cass	60
John Leavet	78

A true Draft of the Lots to the names to whom drawn of above-said Tract of Land under the Care & Direction of said Proprietors—

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Clerk

A true Copy of the Record of the Draft of the Lotts in the Township granted to Brown &c^{a}

Attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[*Complaints from Andover*, 1767.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 55.]

a letter of Complaint from the Settlers of the township of Newbritton to the genteel Men grantors of Said township Whareas your honers Ware plesed to grant this township to a Sertain number of men and they having givn Som Small incourigment for Settling We a few of us have under taken to Settle in Said town we would inform

you genteelmen that we undergo a great deel of Difeklty on the a Count of the proprietrs being backword in premoting the Settlement of this town they are not Carefull to perform what they promsed us neithe can we learn as they give any incouregment at all for any more to Com into the town they Clear us no rodes buld us no bridges indeed they have bult us a Saw mill but that not being Completed as it ought to be that we git our bords with a grat deel of Difikelty but this is not all we Suffer more abundently for want of a grist mill we have been forsed to go twenty mils to mill this year with a teem and men upon [torn] three Days and nights by these and such like difikeltys and many more which would be needless for us to menten is the grate means why people do not settle in the town if the proprietrs would give any proper Incourigment there is men Stands radey to Settle in the town but by the bakwardness of the proprietrs they are Discoriged and it hath almost Discoriged us for in removing into Suchey Distent wildrness we are Deprived of the priviledge of the gospel which is one grate Discourigment and things at present lookes very Dull with us and without theire be Some further Care taken we Sea nothing else but we are likley to spend the rest of our Days in a wildrness without the gospel as those hethen natives of the land hath Done before us and therefore genteelmen we your most humble Sarvents would be gratly obliged to you if you would be So Chereteble to us as to Star up and move forward our proprietrs in the further Settlement of this town for we Cannot Sea as they have any regard to their fellow Creters but only for their own privet intrest atrying to Save their land with as little Cost as posseble and we at the Same time are the grate Suffers by this means and genteelmen this is our Complaint hoping that your Honours will do Sumthing for our releff

Dated at Newbitton November the 5 / 1767

william morey	Samuel Blake	Edward Sade
Israel Graves	elias rano	Sim Connor
Samuel rano	Samuel Scribnor	Joseph fellows

[*Improvements in Andover*, 1771.]
[Extract from Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 49.]

Persons workt in New Britton & the Settlements & Improvements Maid their in & the Lots began on

		Housen	Famelys	years	Months	Acres Improved.	years	months	Acres Cut	years	months	No of ye Lots	Division	under whom or whom drawn by
1	Joseph Fellows	1	1	8	—	30	—	—	—	—	—	37	1	Joseph Wire
2	Ellias Rainow	1	1	8	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	41	1	William Brown
3	Samuel Scribler	1	1	5	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	45	1	John Ellis
4	John Roe	1	1	5	—	20	—	—	—	—	—	43	1	John Chatman
5	Samuel Rainoe	1	1	5	—	20	—	—	—	—	—	59	1	Jonathan Sambon
6	Simmeon Conners	1	1	5	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	55	1	Nathaniel Eley Esqr
7	Samuel Blake	1	1	5	—	20	—	—	—	—	—	35	3	his own
8	william Emmery	1	1	5	—	24	—	—	—	—	—	39	1	Nathaniel Bacheler
9	Thomas Blake	1	1	1½	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	Abner Filbrick
10	Nathaniel Danforth	1	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	——
11	Edward Laad	1	1	6	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	33	3	Bought of Joseph Rawling
12	Paul Smith masting	1	1	4	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	35	1	Samuel Blake
13	William Morey	1	1	8	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	55	1	Bought of Simmeon Connors
14	Jonathan Sella	famely	Comeing	3	—	2	—	—	4	—	—	22	2	Thomas Sella has Been himself 2 years Resident
	Non Resident													
1	Joseph Severant	—	—	—	—	7	3	—	3	2	—	61	1	John Masting
2	John Roe	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 or3	1	—	26	3	Richard Smith
3	Nathan Roe	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	5	—	—	27	1	his own
4	Thomas Scribner	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	11	3	Samuel Blake
5	Thomas Sleeper	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	13	3	Daniel Crane
6	John Morrill	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	5	—	—	29	1	——
7	Nathaniel Prescott	Bought Propri	a Lot of a etor & Im	Lord proves		1	3	—	1½	—	—	—	—	——
8	Nathaniel Prescott	—	— —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	built a Saw mill 4 years Since on the Proprietors Cost
9	Docter Emmery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Built a Grist mill on ye Proprietors Cost
10	Docter Antoney Emmory	Cut two acres on one wright & about 4 acres on a nother wright this Summer Past—												

[*Charter Renewed*, 1771.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Nov. 6, 1771.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth November 6th 1771. Wednesday at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqr Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

Whereas the Proprietors on the 20th day of November 1751, did Vote and grant unto Sixty persons, Edmund Brown William Swain and others, named in Said grant, to have and to hold to them their Heirs and assigns for ever a certain Tract of Land, in Said Grant bounded and described, & upon certain conditions Terms and limitations therein expressed, with certain reservations—and whereas the Said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns, had not complyed with the Terms and Conditions of Said Grant as therein limmitted the Said Proprietors the Grantors have by their Agent entered into the Same Tract of Land, granted as aforesaid, and taken possession thereof agreable to the Reservation in said Grant— Since which, The Said Grantees by a Committee have made Application, earnestly desiring a grant of further time to fulfill the Terms and Conditions of their former grant of Said Tract of Land—upon Consideration of their request, and willing to favour the Said Grantees, by granting the further time they propos'd, and declared their Intention of performing the Settlements &c upon Condition, of the Said Grantees their Heirs or assigns fulfilling and performing the Terms and Articles expressed in Said Grant, made and voted on the said 20th day of November 1751—within two years, from this Sixth day of November 1771: the Said Tract of land except the reservations made in the beforementioned grant—be and hereby is Voted and granted to the Said Grantees their Heirs and Assigns, if the Said Grantees their Heirs and assigns shall not perform the Terms, and Articles expressed in the Said former Grant, within the Said two years herein limitted, then the Proprietors the grantors, may and shall by themselves, or any person or persons in their behalf, reenter and take possession of Said tract of land for their Use—as though this, or any former grant of the Premises had never been made—

ANTRIM.

[This town was part of a tract of land called *Cumberland*, afterwards *Society Land*. Incorporated March 22, 1777, and named from a town in Ireland.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 105; Index to Laws, 22; sketch, by W. R. Cochrane, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1882, p. 252; Half-Century Sermon, 1838, by John M. Whiton, pp. 24; Brèif Notices of the Town, by John M. Whiton, 4, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 216; History, 1744—1844, by John M. Whiton, 1852, pp. 96; History, by W. R. Cochrane, 1880, pp. 792; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 19; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 149.]

[*Petition of Eb: Storer*, 1753.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 56.]

To The Honble The^{o} Atkinson & Richd Wibird Esq^{rs} & Others the Purchasers & Proprietors of Masons Rights

Gentlemen I have a Farm of Three hundred acres of Land Lying in your Province which was formerly Granted by our Generall Court to one Jonathan Butterfield which I afterward purchased of Gershom Keyes which land is bounded as follows Adjoyning to the Township N° 7 in the line of Towns Begining at a Hemlock Tree Markt with Letter A standing in the south line of s^{d} Township N° 7 thre Miles from the Southeast Corner & from thence South by a line of Markt trees 320 Rods to a stake & stones to Letter B from thence North one hundred & Sixty Rods by a line of Markt Trees to a Hemlock Tree to Letter C from thence North 320 Rods by a line of Markt trees to a Stake & stones in afores^{d} Line to Letter D. from thence with the line where it began so that upon ye whole Gentlemen My Petition is to y^{r} Hon^{s} that you would pleas^{d} to Confirm the s^{d} Three hundred Acres of Land to me or otherwise to give me an Equivolent some where Else & y^{r} Petetioner shall as in Duty bound ever pray

Port^{s} Aprill 13th 1753 Eb: Storer

[*Petition of David Baldwin*, 1753.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 57.]

Province of New Hampsh^{r} } To the Proprietors of the Right to the Lands in Said Province Commonly Called and known by the Name of John Tufton Mason's

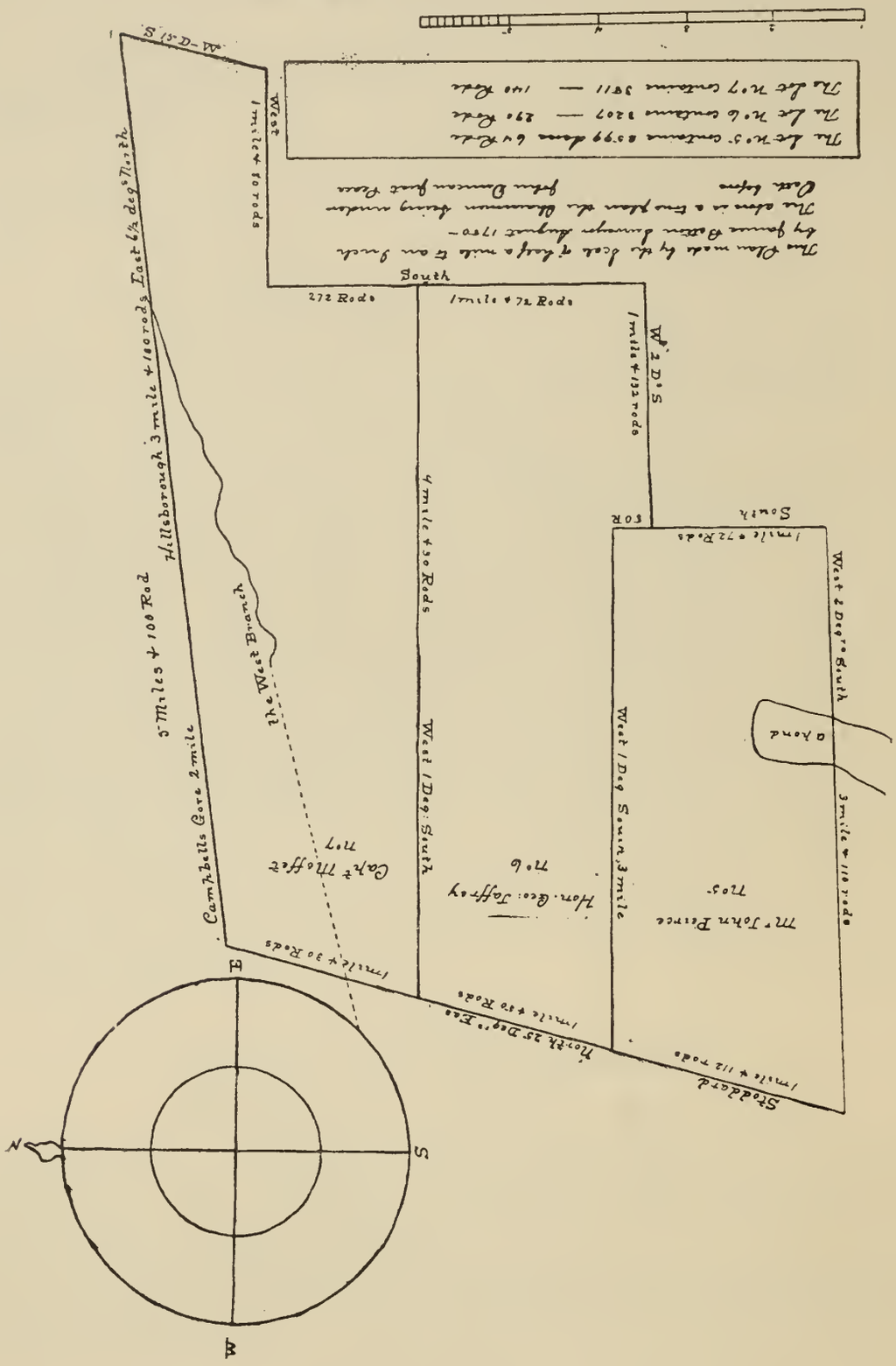
The Petition of David Baldwin Late of Sudbury now of Watertown in the County of Middlesex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Gent. Shews

That on the 4th Day of January 1741 he Purchased of one Gershom Keys by his Deed of that Date a Tract of Land in the Province of New Hampshire Bounded as follows viz—Adjoining to the Township N° 7 in the Line of Towns So Called begining at an Hemlock Tree Marked with the Letter A. Standing in the South Line of Said Township N° 7 three Miles from the South East Corner & from thence runing South Eleven Degrees & thirty Minutes West by a Line of Marked Trees three Hundred & twenty rods to a Stake & Stones to the Letter B, thence East five Degrees & thirty Mins North One hundred & Sixty Rods by a Line of Mark'd Trees to an Hemlock Tree to the Letter C. thence North Eleven Deg. & thirty Mins East three Hundred & twenty Rods by a Line of Markd Trees to a Stake & Heap of Stones in the aforesaid Town Line to the Letter D. from thence with Said Line to where it began with Six Acres more on the West Side of the Southerly Branch of Contoocoke River lying in the Said Township N° 7 bounded South on the aforesd Farm East on the Said Branch North on a farm belonging to Wm Moore & Weston a Lot N° 46. in Said Township N° 7 & also Ninety four Acres to be taken off from the South End of the House Lots 45, 47, & N° 46 &c —as may more fully appear by Said Deed—That yor Petitioner as been at very Considerable Expence in order to make a Settlemt there & has done a great deal of Labour on & Cleard a Great Quantity of the Land fit for Improvemt So that Including the purchase Sum he has been at upwards of a Thousand pound Expence on the Same

WHEREFORE he prays your Consideration of the Premises & that you woud be pleasd to Grant & Confirm to him Your Title to the Said purchased Lands which Your Petitioner Shall Ever Gratefully Acknowledge & Comply with any just & Equitable Terms of holding under you

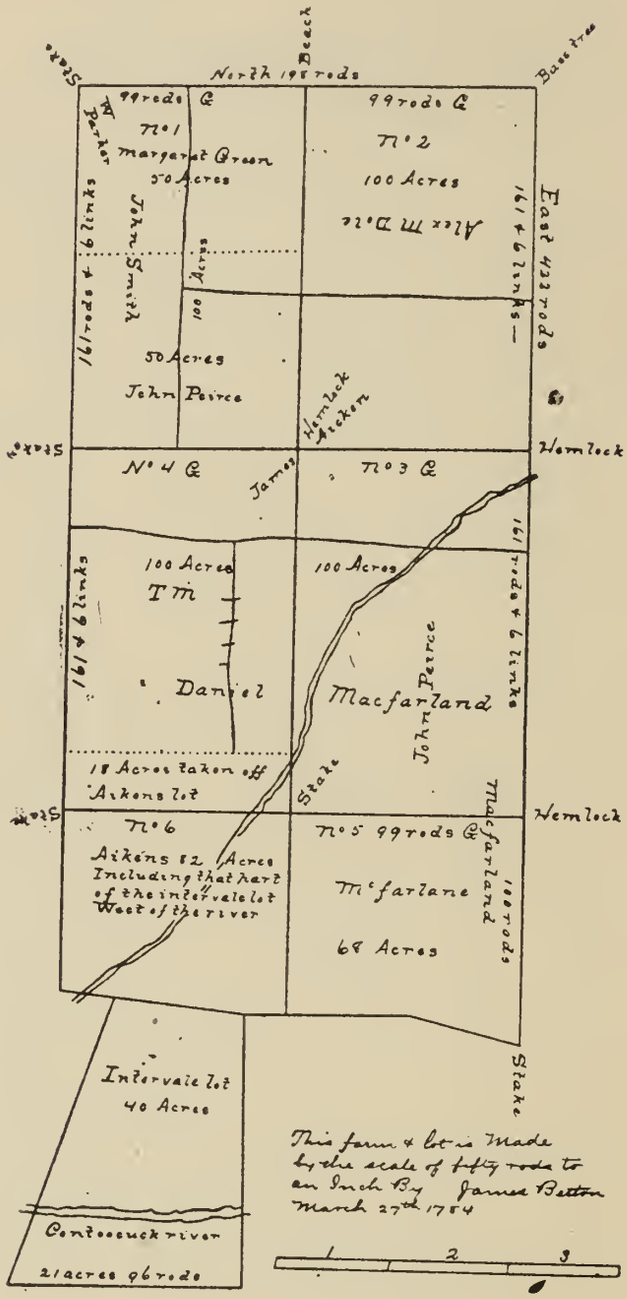
Portsmouth May 24th 1753 David Baldwin

[*Plan of Three Lots in Antrim*, 1780.]



[*Plan of Lot No. 5*, 1784.]

[*Plan of Interval Farm*, 1784.]



A Plan of the Interval farm, to which is annexed the Interval Lot Belonging to the Heirs of Peirce & Moore lying mostly in Antrim the whole Contains five Hundred & Eighty four Acres Exclusive of twenty one acres East of the river Contoocuck which 21 Acres is very Bad Said farm & lot is N° 5 each in the Original Plan That part of the lot N° 4 east of the prick[d] line is 18 Acres taken off Aikins lot, which makes N° 4 one hundred Acres

N B the lot No 5 is Mostly improved on which M^{c}farlane is Settled he has also Some improved on N° 3 one James Dinsmor is Settled on N° 4 and has about 20 acres improved and Some little on N° 1: one John Smith has improvements on N° 1 & N° 4 about 15 Acres One Alexander McDole is Settled on N° 2 Improvements about fifteen Acres

N: B Aikins lot Originaly Comprehended the Interval lot west of the river

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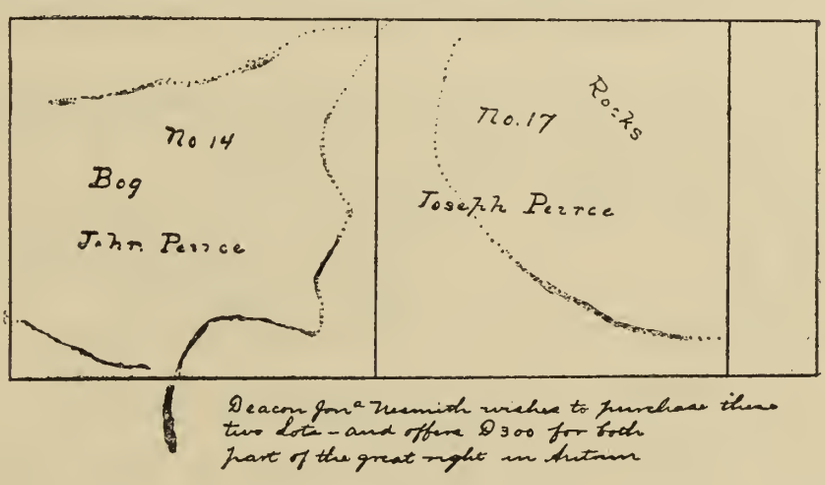
[*Plan of Two Lots.*]



[*Deed for Lot in Antrim*, 1797.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 58.]

Know all Men by these presents that We Edward Baston Long of the City of Bath & Kingdom of Great Britain Esquire and Mary Long wife of the said Edward in her Right by our Attorney John Peirce of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire Merchant Duely constituted & empowered by us, For and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars to our said Attorney in hand paid or secured to be paid by Francis Brown of Antrim in the County of Hilsborough Husbandman the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, have remised, released, sold & Conveyed, and by these presents, do remise, release, sell, & Convey, to him the Said Francis Brown, his heirs & Assigns, all the right, Title, Interest, claim, and Demand, which we or either of us have, in & to One hun dred Acres of Land, in said Antrim, being part of George Jaffreys original Right in that tract, that was first Called & known by the name of the Society Land, and is said to be Lot Number four, or how-

ever otherwise the same is or may be Numbred it is bounded as fol loweth begining at the southeastly Corner of said Jaffreys large Lot there, then runing Northerly one hundred Rods, then Westerly one hundred & Sixty Rods, then south^{y} one hundred Rods, then Easterly One hundred and Sixty Rods, to the bounds begun at.—To have & to hold said Released premises, with the appurtenances thereof, to him the said Francis Brown his heirs & assigns, to his & their proper use, benefit & behoof forever, hereby Engaging to Warrant & defend the said granted premises, against all claims, or Demands, of any person or persons claiming by from or under us, or said George Jaffrey Esquire, who by deed conveyed said Land to Thomas Nichols, and said Nichols to the Grandfather of said Mary, who is sole heir to all his real Estate—

In Witness whereof we the said Edward Baston Long & Mary Long by our Attorney John Peirce aforesaid have hereunto set our hands & seals this 19th Day of December 1797—

Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of—
Richard Tucker
R: Cutts Shannon

Edward Baston Long by his Attorney John Peirce { Seal }

Mary Long by her Attorney John Peirce { Seal }

State of New Hampshire
Rockingham ss— } Portsmouth Decr 20 1797

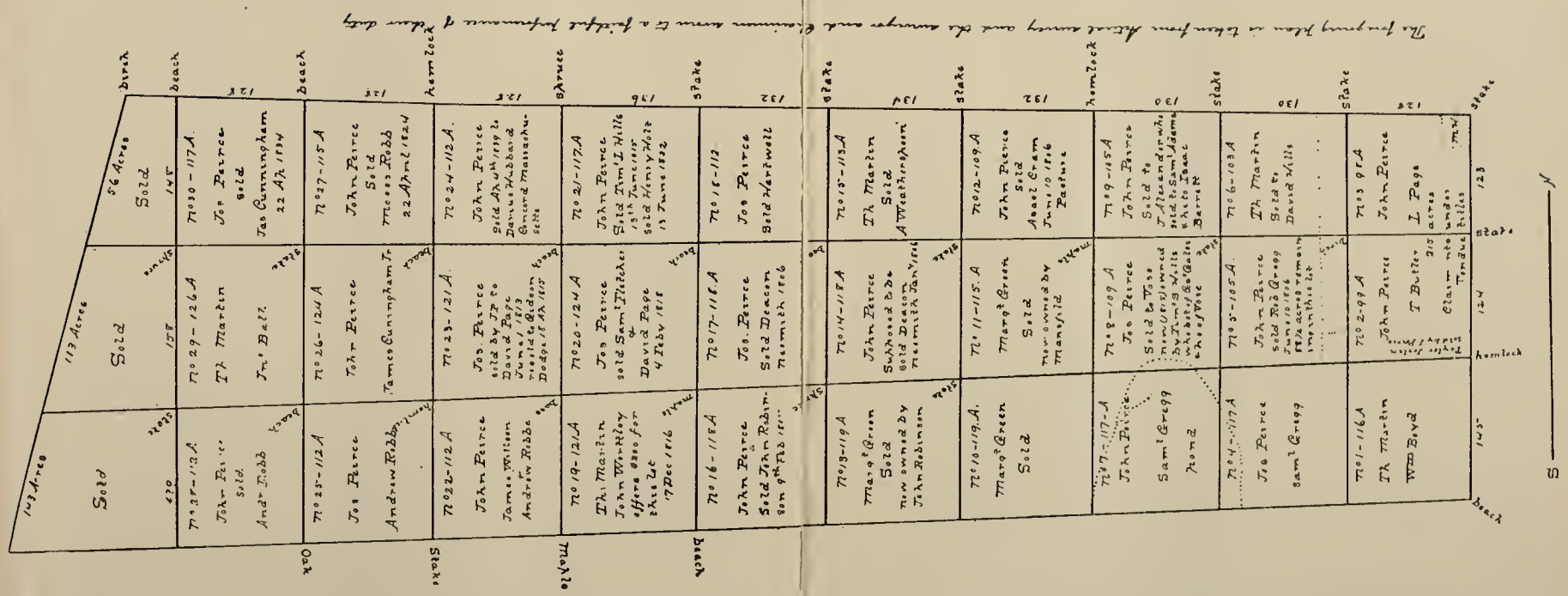
Then Edward Baston Long & Mary Long by their attorney John Peirce appearing acknowledged this Instrument to be their free act & Deed

before R: Cutts Shannon
Jus: peace

[Endorsed] Edwd B. Long & wife to Thos Brown

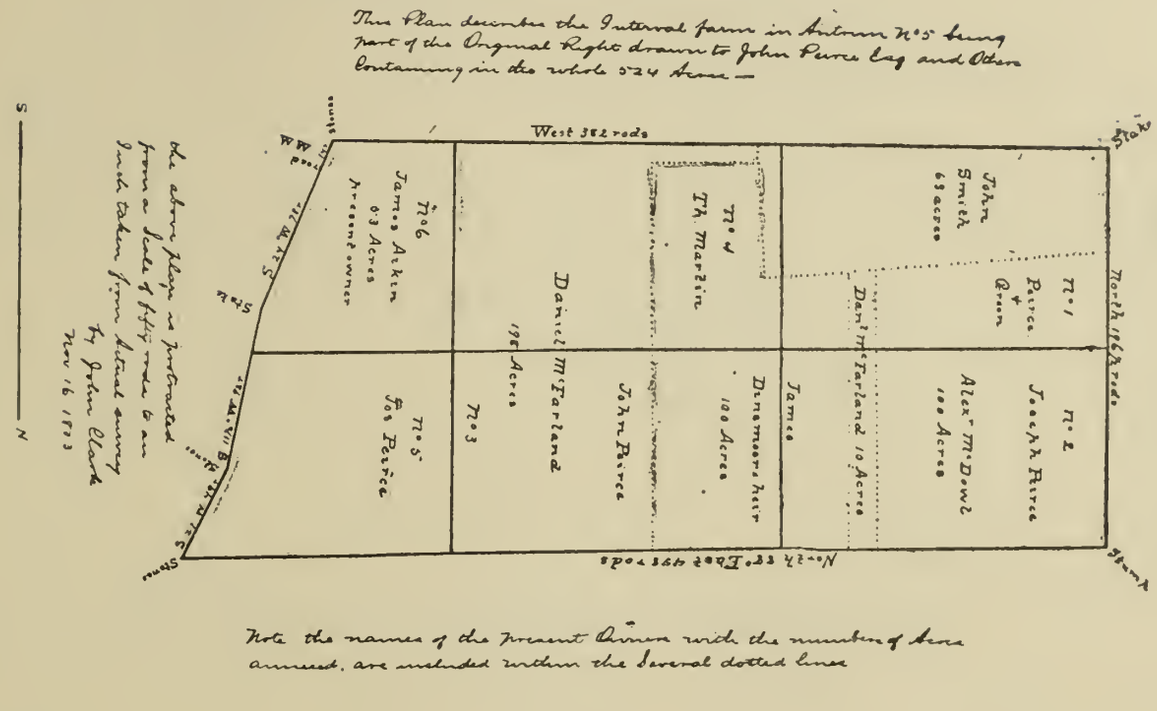
This Deed taken up & a new one given owing to an error in writing Thomas for Frances

[*Plan of Lot in Antrim*, 1803.]



The Plan describes the great Right No 5 in Antrim Originally drawn to John Pierce Esquire and others - protracted from a Scale of 50 Rods to an Inch by John Clark November 15th 1803

[*Plan of Interval Farm*, 1803.]



Note the names of the present Owners with the numbers of lots annexed, are included within the Several dotted lines

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[*Disposal of Certain Lots in Antrim*, 1804.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 59.]

I will give Mr Andrew Robbe the refusal of Lot N^o^ twenty two until the middle of June next at three hundred Dollars—February 25, 1804

John Peirce

Lot N° 22 in Antrim is conveyed by me to James Wilson Esq & Andrew ℔ Deed Dated July 12 1803 delivered to Mr Thayer the Post

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I have given Mr Robbe the refusal of Lot N° 22 untill the middle of June Next at 300 D.

Feby 25, 1804—

Engaged to sell Samuel White Lot of Land in Antrim N° 25 adjoining on Robbes Lot N° 28—

[*Deed of a Lot in Antrim*, 1813.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 60.]

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT I, JOHN PEIRCE, of Portsmouth, in the County of Rockingham, and State of New-Hampshire, Merchant: For and in consideration of the sum of Three hundred and Sixty three Dollars—to me in hand, paid before the delivery hereof, by Daniel Page of Antrim in the County of Hilsborough and State aforesaid Yeoman the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have remissed, released, and forever quit claimed, and conveyed; and by these presents do remise, release, and forever quit claim and convey to him the said Daniel Page his heirs and assigns, all my right, title, claim, or demand whatsoever in and to a Lot of Land in Antrim aforesaid Containing One hundred twenty One Acres More or less and is Lot Number Twenty three in the Middle Range of Lots laid out on the Great Right Number Five and was part of the Right of Daniel Peirce and Mary Moore as may be found by the Records of the Masonian Proprietors and which was bequeathed me by my Brother Joseph Peirce Esquire deceased—TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said quit claimed and conveyed premises, with the appurtenances thereof, to him the said Daniel Page his heirs and assigns I hereby engaging to warrant and defend the said quit claimed premises, against all claims or demands of any person or persons claiming only by, from, or under me or the said Daniel Peirce & Mary Moore.—

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, this first Day of June in the Year one thousand eight hundred & thirteen

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered
in presence of us,
John MClintock
W^m^ B Parker

John Peirce { Seal }

Rockingham ss Portsmouth June 1st 1813—

The above named John Peirce personally appearing acknowledged this instrument to be his free act and deed.

Before me, John MClintock *Justice Peace.*

[*John Duncan's Recommendation*, 1815.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 61.]

Mr Perce Sir the berrer Timothy S Hills wishes to purchase a Lot of Land of you being Lot N° 21 of an ordinary quality fit for nothing but pastering if him and you Can agree you need not be afrade but you can get your pay

Antrim June 10th 1815 John Duncan

[*Memorandum of Lot in Antrim*, 1816.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 61.]

agreed to keep N° 20 Antrim till middle of May for Samuel Fletcher 15th March 1816

M. W. Peirce

[*Bounds of Lot in Antrim.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 62.]

Begining at the Northwest corner at a Stake & stone, thence South two and & one half degrees East, on the line of William McDowles land, one hundred & thirty six Rods to a stake and stones, thence East two & one half degrees; North forty five & and one half Rods on the line of John Smiths land to a stake and stones; thence South two & one half degrees; East fifty rods; to a Stake & Stones; thence North Eighty seven & one half East fifty two & one half Rods on William Smiths land to a Stake & Stones; thence, North two & one half degrees, West one hundred & eighty six rods, to a Stake and Stones; thence Westwardly ninety eight rods on the line of John Duncans land to the bounds first mentioned.

I have agreed to sell to Deacon Jon^a Nesmith all my part of the within Land that N° 3 & N° 1 laid out by Betton may take out & I am to get a ded from T & A Martin & Joseph Peirce which Lot N° 2 & N° 4 may take out as pricked out by John Clark on his plan—at 10/ ℔ Acre to be paid in two Years with Interest afterwards—

BARNSTEAD.

[Granted by Lieut. Gov. John Wentworth to Rev. Joseph Adams, of Newington, and others, May 20, 1727.

See New Hampshire charters preceding; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 136; Index to Laws, 45; sketch, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 711; Reunion, 1, Granite Monthly, 303; *id.*, ed. by H. N. Colbath, 1884, pp. 132; History, by J. P. Jewett, 1872, pp. 264; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 252, 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 481.]

[*Orders to Run Line between Barnstead and Alton.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 63.]

To Walter Bryant jun^{r} Esqr

You are to proceed to survey and perambulate the Boundary Line between Barnstead and the Land called the Gore with all possible Exactness and Expedition for which purpose you are to repair to the marked Tree on the Northerly Corner of Barrington and taking if possible the old marked Line proceed upon it until Eight Miles be accomplished taking the utmost Care to observe the course of the said Line upon the Compass, and properly spotting the Trees as you go along. But if you cannot certainly find the said anciently marked Line then you are to proceed from the northerly Corner Bound of Barrington at the mark'd Tree aforesaid and measure Eight Miles upon a straight Line North West two Degrees and a half more northerly from the said Corner Tree, and after the said Eight Miles be accomplished that is to say if upon the ancient mark'd Line aforesaid but not otherwise to proceed on the said old Line two Miles further unto a Mark'd Tree a corner Bound of Gilman Town and the Gore. But If you shall find on arriving at the Period of the said Eight Miles on the Line running N° West 242 Degrees more northerly as aforesaid from the Corner Tree of Barrington that Gilmantown has encroached by settlements on the Gore You [are] then to proceed to the upper Corner of the Town of Barnstead next to the Town of Chichester and run from thence on the Head of the said Town of Barnstead North 42 Degrees East Six Miles, then North West Two Miles marking well the Corner Trees at the begginning and End of every Line.

As Soon after as possible that you have compleated the Survey as herein directed you are to make a just and particular Return thereof on Oath and to certify the Names of the Chainmen and that they were duely sworn to a faithful Performance.

Daniel Rogers, Peter Pearse } Committee of Masons Propriety

Benj^{a} Adams, John Nutter } Committee for Barnstead

A Plan of the second Division of the Township of Barnstead in New-Hampshire

Per Vere Royse.

[Plan of Second Division in Barnstead.]

Copy of a return of the second division of Barnstead laid out one hundred & twenty lots in said Division & one hundred acres on each lot accord.g to the quality of said land &c. Beginning at a Red Oak Tree marked with sundry letters at the North corner of Nothingham running North about 46° East two hundred Rods for y.e first Range of lots then running N. 40° W.e the Course of all the Ranges in said Division excepting y.e main road & that runs as it as now cleared through said Division between y.e second & third Ranges as it as here laid down in y.e Plain, & allowing a Road of four Rods wide between every Range of lots & allowing Cross Roads between the lots when they are marked on y.e Plain the Courses of all y.e lots & Roads are N. 40° W. & N 50° E. excepting the main Road & some other lots that bound on y.e main Road w.ch y.e Roads & them lay as they are laid down in y.e Plain. You will find the length & breadth of each lot on y.e following Columns in Each Range. Look in y.e first Column for y.e number of y.e lots & right opposite y.e No.s in y.e second Column the length of said lot & in the third Column every breadth of said lot.

The Mill Privilege in No 70 by y.e Main Road and 90 Rods Back

First Range			Second Range		
No	Lth	Brth	No	Lth	Brth
1	200	160	24	200	67
2	—	—	23	200	67
3	—	—	22	200	67
4	—	—	21	200	67
5	—	—	20	200	112
6	—	—	19	200	67
7	—	—	18	200	67
8	—	—	17	200	67
9	—	—	16	200	67
10	—	—	15	200	67
11	—	—	14	200	67
12	—	—	13	200	67
13	—	—	12	200	67
14	—	—	11	200	67
15	—	—	10	200	67
16	—	—	9	200	67
17	—	—	8	200	67
18	—	—	7	200	67
19	—	—	6	200	67
20	—	—	5	200	67
21	—	—	4	200	67
22	—	—	3	200	67
23	—	—	2	200	67
24	—	—	1	200	67

3d Range		
No	Lth	Brth
25	200	67
26	200	67
27	200	67
28	200	67
29	200	67
30	200	67
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120	200	67

4th Range		
No	Lth	Brth
121	160	100
122	160	100
123	160	100
124	160	100
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5th Range		
No	Lth	Brth
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6th Range		
No	Lth	Brth
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99	—	100
100	—	100
101	—	100

7th Range		
No	Lth	Brth
102	—	100
103	—	100
104	—	100
105	—	100
106	—	100
107	—	100
108	—	100
109	—	100
110	—	100
111	—	100

8th Range		
No	Lth	Brth
112	—	100
113	—	100
114	—	100
115	—	100
116	—	100
117	—	100
118	—	100
119	—	100

9th Range		
No	Lth	Brth
112	—	100
113	—	120
114	—	172
115	—	100
116	—	100
117	160	144
118	—	100
119	—	100

BEDFORD.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Narragansett No.* 5, Feb. 12, 1733–4. Afterwards called *Souhegan East*. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors Nov. 9, 1748. Incorporated as Bedford May 19, 1750, and named in honor of the Duke of Bedford. A portion of the town was annexed to Manchester July 1, 1853.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 50; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 176; Index to Laws, 51; Topographical and Historical Sketch, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 288; discourse, by Thomas Savage, 1841, pp. 16; centennial address, by Isaac O. Barnes, 1850, pp. 45; History, pub. by Alfred Mudge, 1851, pp. 364; historical discourse, by Ira C. Tyson, 1876, pp. 31; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 265; History of the Catholic Church in the United States, by John G. Shea, 1890, Vol. 3, p. 108; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 22; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 156; Memorial Addresses on Life and Character of Zachariah Chandler, 1880; Life of Zachariah Chandler, 1880; sketch, 12, Farmer's Monthly Visitor, 47.]

[*Petition of Inhabitants of Bedford.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 64.]

To the Honble the Propriotors of Masons Grant or Patent

We the Subscribers being Inhabatants of Sowhegan East being Senseble that by vertue of that Grant of the massachusets we have no title to the Lands that we possess but that we Concive the title to our Lands is in your Honnors we therefor Humbly pray your Hon^{rs} of your Grate Goodness to Give us the Subscribers to Geather with the Rest of our Inhabitants a quit Clame of the Land Lying In the bounds of that tract of Land (Known by the name of Sowhegan East In the provence of new hampshier) to us and our heirs forever and your Humble Servants the Subscribers to Geather with the Rest of the presant Inhabitants Shall Ever pray

and we the Subscribers Do constute and apoint our beloved Neighburs and frinds John Goffe Sam^{ll} Patten and mathew Patten and James Walker and Moses Barron to Represent us before your Hon^{rs} and pray your Hon^{rs} to Except them as our Constitutants in that case

James Walker	Moses Barron	John Goffe
Hugh Ridell	Samuel Patten	Matt^{w} patten
John Orr	John Quige	Robert Gillmor

Martha McQuaid Widdow or Relict of James McQuaid and her Children

Ritchard mckallster	John Bell	jan Riddell
James Moor	John Moorhead	Benjamin Smith
John McDuggall	Alex^{r} Walker	John Riddell Sinner
fargous Kennedy	william moor	William Patterson Juner
John Thomas	James Linne	James Little

Benjamin & John Kidder on the possion of Benjamin Kidder dec^{d}

Robert Gillmor Juniour	Eleazer Lyon
	Jonathan Lyon

[*Petition of Bedford for a Quit Claim*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 65.]

We the Subscribers being Appointed a Committee by the Grantees of a Tract of Land commonly call'd Naragunsett town N. 5, or Souhegan East, being inform'd that s^{d} tract of Land falls within Masons Claim, do petition that the Purchasers of Masons Right, woud release & quit claim s^{d} tract of Land, to the Massachusetts Grantees their Heirs & Assigns, as the same is already divided & laid out

Portsmouth Novr 5th 1748 — E Miller

Edward White

To the Committee of the Purchasers of Masons Right

[*Report on Certain Lots in Bedford*, 1750.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 66.]

home Lot	Nº fifty	Rang	Nº Lots	Rang	Third Devisn	Meadow.		
Nº 1	Nort	h Sid	e pis	ca t a	quog	Rive	r	
	8		11	2	50	60	Goverr Belchar	These Rights as Far
Nº 1	Sout	h Sid	e of	pisca	taqu	og R	iver	as I Can find has no
	17		6	4	—	—	Jacob Griggs	improvement Don on
35	11		15	5	—	—	Alford Buttler	them Nor no person
37	2	10	9	5	80	94	Isaac Hatch	in the town has any
59	25	5	3	6	—	—	Jonathn Gay	Claim to them that I
61	24		25	8	6	13	Thos Jefferys	know of—
67	1		11	6	1 M	eado	w in the Same Joseph B	enson
76	6		7	3	—	—	Madm Loveingstone	What third Devisions
74	Nº a	C c o	unt o	f the	othe	rDev	isions Benjn Turner	is Not here numbered
79	30		31	4	115	83	Caleb Stedman	I have no ACcount
71	23		24	5	104	80	Thos Tilestone Esqr	of and I have all that
89	1	7	12	5	—	—	Jonathn Williams	is on Record in the
17	on B	abus	ett B	rook				proprs Record—
	7		9	2	67	27	Dr John Cuttler	
19	18		7	4	91	Mea	dowed James Pitts	
No home lots to these two Rights	25		26	4	—	—	Samll Seward	
	12	10	4	11	—	—	Thos Plimly	

Deacon Jonathan Williams Farm of 120 Acres

These are the Origanal Proprs Names

All which is humbly Submited to your honours Judgement

Bedford Octr 19th 1750 by Mathw Patten

To the Honourable Joseph Blanchard Esqr

[*Proprietors' Reservations in Bedford*, 1750.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 7, 1750, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 67.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth December ye 7th 1750 fryday five of the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

Voted That the proposed reserved Seventeen Shares in Souhegan

East So Called, otherwise Called Narraganset Number five, be Drawn for at this Meeting and that the Particular Home Lots as heretofore Surveyed and Laid out by the Claimers under the Mass[a] Government, that Shall be Drawn by any Particular Person or persons Shall be to the Respective Persons by whom Drawn and to whom Entered to have and to hold the same in Severalty to them their Heirs & Assigns Respectively forever and that the other divisions in said Tract of Land as heretofore Surveyed and laid out as aforesaid belonging unto the said Home lots Respectively, Shall be to the said Persons Respectively, who draw the said Home lots, to have & to hold the same in Severalty to them their Heirs & Assigns forever in the same manner and upon the same Conditions as they hold in Severalty the Sundry Tracts & Parcells of Land Voted to be held in Severalty by a Vote Passed by said Proprietors at a Meeting by them held on the 25th day of July 1750—

Parsuant to the above Vote the following Draft of the abovesaid Seventeen Shares reserved in Souhegan East so called otherwise called Naragansett Number five—was Voted to be Recorded in the following Manner as they were drawn at this Meeting—Namely—

		Home Lotts
1st	drawn to Theodore Atkinson Esqu[r]	N° 39– on Merrimack
2[d]	– – – – – – Mess[rs] Meserve Blanchard Green & march – – – – – –	61—on Merrimack
3[d]	John Moffatt Esqu[r]	89—on Merrimack
4th	John Rindge	74—on Merrimack
5th	John Wentworth jun[r] Esqu[r]	83—on Merrimack
6th	George Jaffrey	20—on Babusook
7th	Mark Hunk[g] Wentworth Esqu[r]	41—on Merrimack
8th	Thomas Packer Esqu[r]	95—on Merrimack
9th	Jotham Odiorne Esqu[r]	69—on Merrimack
10th	William Parker Esqu[r]	1—on Merrimack
11th	Mary Moor & Dan[ll] Peirce Esqu[r]	79—on Merrimack
12th	Mathew Livermore Esqu[r]	1—on Piscataquog
13th	Joshua Peirce Esqu[r]	65—on Merrimack
14th	Samuel Solly & Clem[t] March Esqu[rs]	75—on Merrimack
15th	Thomas Wallingford Esqu[r]	17—on Babusook
16th	Richard Wibird Esqu[r]	31—on Merrimack
17th	Jn° Thomlinson & Jn° Tufton Mason Esqu[rs]	35 on Merrimack

[*Proprietors' Reservations in Bedford*, 1750.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 68.]

The origonal Proprietors names in the Narragansett Township N° five Now Bedford whose Rights were drawn by the Proprietors of Mr Masons Right as they are Recorded in the Proprietors Book

N° 39 home lott joseph Prince Drawn by Col° Atkinson
N° 61 Thomas Jafferies Drawn by Meserve Blanchard Green and March
N° 89 jonathan Williams drawn by Mr Moffat
N° 74 Benjamin Turner drawn by john Rindge
N° 83 john Mears drawn by john Wentworth jun^r^
N° 20 on Babusuck Ephraim Colburn drawn by George jaffrey
N° 41 Silence Allen drawn by Mark Hunking Wentworth
N° 95 Benjamin Bates drawn by Thomas Packer
N° 69 jonathan Prout drawn by jotham Odiorne
N° 1 jacob Griggs drawn by William Parker
N° 79 Caleb Steadman drawn by Mary Moor and Daniel Peirce
N° 1 on Piscataquog Governor Belchard drawn by Math^w^ Livermore
N° 65 Samuel Gurnet drawn by joshua Peirce
N° 75 Samuel Fisk drawn by Solly and March
N° 17 on Babusuck john Cuttler drawn by Thomas Wallingford
N° 31 john Wilson drawn by Richard Wibird
N° 35 Alford Buttler drawn by Thomlinson and Mason

Copy of the origenal Proprietors names as they stand Recorded to the several home lotts above Numbered

℔ Math^w^ Patten Prop^rs^ Clerk

[*John Goffe to Proprietors*, 1752.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 69.]

Derryfield March 16th 1752

Sir

I under Stand that Li^tt^ Moses Barron Has Bought the wrights that Capt Wibird and my Lord Mason Drew in Bedford of the orignal Proproiotors not withstanding he pretended to by Capt Wibirds himself once but It being to be bough Eseliar or Cheeper of the other he has bought of him and threetens to try it out upon which I Got a Surveyer to Run the Lines of them and Set the 2 first Letters of there names upon Each corner of there Lots and I have pulled Doun the

fence upon Capt wibirds Lot and he took 2 men and Required to put it up again or he would prosecute Me But I Refused to do it now I would be Glad if you would Let Capt wibird know how it Stands and weather I shall be Justifyed in pulling it down or weather it is best to put up again And Send me a line by the barer Esqr Boyes and Barron is also Boxing trees upon My Lords Lot and weather I Shall Give him any Interuption in that and how which is all in Hast from your Humble

Sarvant at Command John Goffe

I would not Give a groat for all your lots in bedford if this fellow Goes on at So high a hand

My Service to all Frings as before John Goffe

[*Petition of Margaret White.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 70.]

To Theodore Atkinson and Joseph Blanchard Esq^{rs} and others—

Margarett White of Boston in the County of Suffolk Spinster only Child of John White late of the same Boston Cordwainer deceased—

Most humble sheweth

That your pet^{rs} said Father in the Year 1735 purchased of Samuel Kneeland a Lott of land Called Number Eighty three part of the Township called and known by the name of Souheagan East Number five Granted by the Great and General Court of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay to the Narragansett Souldiers with all the divisions and after divisions thereunto belonging which land your pet^{r} is Informed is taken up by Your Honours And as your pet^{r} is fully Satisfied of your Honours Justice and Equity—

She therefore humbly prays your honours out of your Usual Goodness to Grant her a Tract of land on the West Side of the Township Called New Boston under such Restrictions as your honours shall see Meet as our Equivalent for the Tract of land first Mentioned—

And your pet^{r} as in duty bound will ever pray &c

margrat white

[*Vote of Proprietors in Regard to Bedford.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 71.]

Voted that the Rights of the Original Proprietors of Souhegan East otherwise called Narraganset N° 5 on Merrimack River be & hereby are Confirmed to them according as ye Lots have been already

Surveyed & Laid out (Excepting & Reserving only Seventeen Shares or Rights as according to Said Laying out the Particular Rights or Shares so Excepted & Reserved to be Determind & ascertaind hereafter) But that the Particular Rights & Shares of Major Edward White & the Reverend Dr Eben^{r} Miller be not among the Excepted & Reserved Rights as afores^{d} But that their Said Rights & Shares among said Proprietors Surveyd as afores^{d} be hereby granted & Confirmed to them their Heirs & Assigns

Voted that the above Said Major White & his Son John have their Names put in among the Settlers of a Town which shall hereafter be Granted & Laid out that shall Include that Land in Gorum Town So calld lying a Cross the Crotch of Piscataquog River which the Said Major White purchased of Col^{o} Wm Dudley Deceased & that they have & hold to them their Heirs & Assigns that Same Land so purchased as their parts or shares in Said Township to be so Laid out the same being four hundred Acres to hold on the same terms of other Settlers

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BOSCAWEN.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Contoocook*, Dec. 8, 1732, to John Coffin and others, of Newbury, Mass. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors Jan. 10, 1758. Incorporated as Boscawen April 22, 1760, and named in honor of Admiral Edward Boscawen of the British navy. The charter was renewed Oct. 7, 1763. Webster was set off and incorporated July 4, 1860. This division was attempted in 1791, when the inhabitants of the west part of the town asked to be set off and incorporated by the name of Bristol.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 57; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 193; Index to Laws, 62; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 169; Descriptive and Historical Account, by John Farmer, 20, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 71; Indian Troubles, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 75; Chronological Register, by Ebenezer Price, 1823, pp. 116; Centennial Celebration, 1876, pp. 27; History of Boscawen and Webster, by Charles Carleton Coffin, 1878, pp. 656; One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Settlement, 1883, pub. 1884, pp. 211; Memorial Addresses on Life and Character of William Pitt Fessenden, 1870; Memoirs of John Adams Dix, by Morgan Dix, 1883; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 348, 355.]

[*Petition of Joseph Coffin*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 72.]

Province of New Hampshire } To the Honb^{l} Theodore Atkinson Esqu^{r} and others Purchasers & Proprietors of Lands in New Hampshire being ye Late Right of Jno Tufton Mason Esqu^{r}——

I the Subscriber in behalfe of my Selfe & others, having purchased & improved Land in a place called Contocook in Said Province—perceiving Said Land is within your Right are desireous of takeing & holding our Improvements under you upon Such Conditions and Considerations as shall be reasonbly proposed, and may be for your & our Advantage, for which this is offered, till a Petition may be preferred by and in behalfe of ye whole or greater part of ye Inhabitants & claimers of Said Contocook So that in ye mean time no part of ye land in said Contocook may be disposed of by you, and by Six weeks from this date I hope to bring ye Petition abovesaid

Portsm^o^ Decr 21th 1748 Joseph Coffin

[*Vote of the Proprietors of Boscawen*, 1748–9.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 72.]

At a Legall meeting of the Proprietors of Contoocook held February ye 1 : 1748—

Ebenezer Choate Esqr was Chosen mod^r^ for s^d^ meeting Capt Moses Gerrish Joseph Coffin & Capt Joseph Gerrish were Chosen authorized & impowered as a Com^ee^ To Treat with the Gen^ll^men : Proprietors of Esqr mason^s^ Patent in the Province of Newhampshire to Transact any affair with the Said Proprietors which may in the Judgement of Said Committee be best for the Plantation afores^d^: A true Coppy taken from the Prop^rs^ Book Feb^r^ ye 4th 1748

Attest Joseph Coffin
Prop^r^ Clerk——

[*Joseph Coffin to Proprietors*, 1748–9.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 73.]

with Submision to Your Hono^r^ I Shall here inform that agreable to the advice I had when at Portsmouth, which is not Long Since, I have Desired my Bretheren who heretofore have Called our Selves the Proprietors of a Plantation Called Contoocook, (but these affairs now appear in another view :) to meet together and accordingly we have & Chose A Com^ee^ to waite upon Your Hono^r^ & your Company who are Proprietors of Esqr mason^s^ title : and would Humbly pray Your Hon^r^ to Lett us know when we shall Come over So that we Shall be the Least trouble to Your business Either Publick or private S^r^ in behalf of myself and other, I Subscribe your Hon^r^ most oblidged Hum^le^ Servt

Newbury February ye 6–1748 Joseph Coffin

[*Joseph Coffin to Proprietors*, 1748–9.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 73.]

S^{r} perhaps you have had thoughts that I your unworthy Servant, am not a man of truth but by the time I told you, I or Some other Person Should appear at Portsmouth upon the affair then in hand: I had been at the trouble agreeable to your advice to gett my Bretheren together & we have Chosen a Committee to proced: and Should have been Before you Gen^{ll}men the Proprietors of Esqr mason^{s} title Before this time, but hearing Co^{ll} Atkison & Some others were from home Last week we have Defered the affair untill now: and are Ready to waite upon you when you Shall think most Convenient, here is one of our Bretheren from Contoocook Coming over with me if your business will allow of it next week S^{r} be pleased to over Look my faillings—

Sr Your Most Hum^{ll} Servt——

Newbury Feb^{r} ye 6th 1748 Joseph Coffin

[*Original Grantees of Boscawen.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 74.]

a List of the originall Grantees of the Plantation Called Contocook

Abrahams Adams Jn^{r}	Stephen Jaques	Joseph Coffin
Robert Greenough	Joseph morss Ju^{r}	Benjamin Lunt
John akers	Daniel Richards	Daniel Dole
John Chandler Esqr	Joseph Toppan	William Ilsley
John Adams	John Alden	Joseph Knight Ju^{r}
James mitchell	Stephen moody	Benjamin Pettingell
Richard Jackman	Richard Greenough	Cornelius Wood
Joseph morss 3^{d}	Henry Sewall	John Webster
Joseph Gerrish Esqr	Samuel Bayley	Benjamin Smith
Robert Adams	Richard Kelley	Samuel Gerrish
John French Ju^{r}	Joseph Jackman	Nicholas Cheny
Joseph Willet	Jacob Noyes	John Poor
Stephen Dole	moses Smith	Cutting lunt
Jonathan Plumer	Thomas Peirce	Archelaus Woodman
John Smith	Isaac Hall	Edward Emery
Willabee Favour	Jacob Pillsbury	Stephen Emery
Amose Stickny	George Jackman	Jonathan Samson
Richard Pettingell Ju^{r}	moses Gerrish	Joseph Dole
John Plumer Ju^{r}	Eliezer Peirce	Daniel Peirce

Theodore Coker	Joseph Gerrish Jur	Richard Coffin
James Allen	William Ripp	Abraham Titcomb
John Coffin	John Waite	William moody
John moody	moses Knight	Daniel Coffin
Daniel Knight	Moses Coker	Edmund Greenleaf 3d
Daniel Hale	Henry Kingsbery	Nathan Wheeler
Joshua Pillsbery	Thomas Woodbridge	Joseph Noyes 3d
James merrill	James Noyes	Thomas Webster
Joshua Hale	William Atkins	George Little
Jonathan Ilsley	Richard Hale	Samuel Sweet Jur
Tristram little	John Noyes 3d	John weed
Samuel Little	the first Minister	ministry—
Schoul Right & a mill	Right	
	the nine Farms	
Richard Kent Esqr	John Choate Esqr	Ebenezer Burriell
Richard Hubbard	Jeremiah Gatchell	John Wainwright Esqr
Benjamin Bird	Edward Shove	Samuel Bradford

Sr my two ½ Rights which Youl find were Blanks when I was with you: are the ½ of willobee favers & ½ John akers be pleasd to Enter them in Your Record Sr your most Huml Servt

Joseph Coffin

the fore going list is a true Coppy taken from the originall aprill ye 24th 1754 Examd pr Joseph Coffin Propr Clerk

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[*Petition of Samuel Fowler*, 1754.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 75.]

To Friend Theodr Atkinson Esqr & others Purchasers & Proprs of Masons Right in ye Prove of New Hampshier in New England The Petition of Samuel Fowler of Newbury in ye County of Essex in ye Province of ye Massachusets Bay in New England Shipwright Shews that Your Petitioner Purchased one Right or share & an half in that Plantation called Contoocook as may appear by Deeds in ye Recorders office Supposing when he made ye said Purchases that ye Right under ye masstts (& under which he has held & improved) was good but being lately convinced of his Mistake & that ye sd Right was & still is in you ye sd Purchasers desires a Composition with you on Such Terms as shall be tho't reasonable & Just & that you would Confirm his said one Right or Share & a half with his Improvements unto him as aforesd & Your Compliance will much oblige yr Sincere Freind—

Portsmouth May ye 7th 1754 Samuel fowler

[*Petition of Sarah, Widow of Phineas Stevens*, 1756.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 75.]

the Coppys of the land the Revr^d^ Mr Phineas Stevens own^d^ in the Plantation Commonly Called Contocook three home lotts lying on queen Street Containing five acres each & one whole Share or Right trough the whole Plantation Laid to the first Settled minister half an Eighty acre lott originally laid out to John Noyes the 3^d^ & half an Hundred acre lott originally laid to the Said John Noyes: & allso the undivided land Belonging to one Share (viz) the undivided of the Said Noyes—

a true Coppy taken from the Prop^rs^ Book—May ye 20th 1756

Joseph Coffin Prop^rs^ Cle^r^

To the Honble Theod. Atkinson Esqr & ye Other Gent^ln^ Proprietors of Masons Right—

Gent^n^ I should be Greatly Oblidged you would please to grant & confirm the within mentioned Lands to ye Heirs & Lawfull Representatives of my late Husband Phineas Stevens dec^d^ within mention'd as it is of great Consequence to Y^r^ most hum^l^ Servt

sarah stevens

[*Petition of Inhabitants of Boscawen, July* 20, 1756.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 76.]

To The Hon^l^ Theod^r^ Atkinson Esqr and others Purchasers & Proprietors of Masons Patent in N Hamp^r^

The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Plantation called Contoocook in the Province of New-Hampshire, sheweth,

That whereas we your humble Petitioners understand that our Township, or Plantation aforesaid, falls within your Claim, by your Purchase of Mr Tuftan Mason—& we are informed also that sundry of the non-resident Proprietors (or first Grantees of the foresaid Plantation) have been with your Honours, desiring to be confirmed in the Propriety of the said Plantation. And also to be freed from paying any thing toward the Support of the Gospel Ministry in said Plantation—We, your humble Petitioners therefore humbly & earnestly desire your Favour in this Particular, Of the non resident Proprietors assisting us about maintaining the Gospel Ministry among us till such time as we shall be able to support it our selves.

Your Honours know very well, That the Gospel, with the Ordinances & Privileges thereof (of which the Ministry is a Main, & necessary Branch, & one special part of the Gifts of our Ascended

Redeemer, is the greatest Glory & Privilege of the English Nation, & of this Land—That it is that which separates, & differences our Nation from other Nations—is that for which other Nations envy our Nation—And is that for which God has remarkably appeared for our Nation & Land, & delivered us from our Enemies who sought to deprive us of this invaluable Treasure. That the Gospel is what brings us the glad Tidings of Salvation—& tells us upon what Terms Salvation is to be had—And that therefore it is necessary that every one should enjoy the Gospel in order to knowing the way to eternal Salvation—

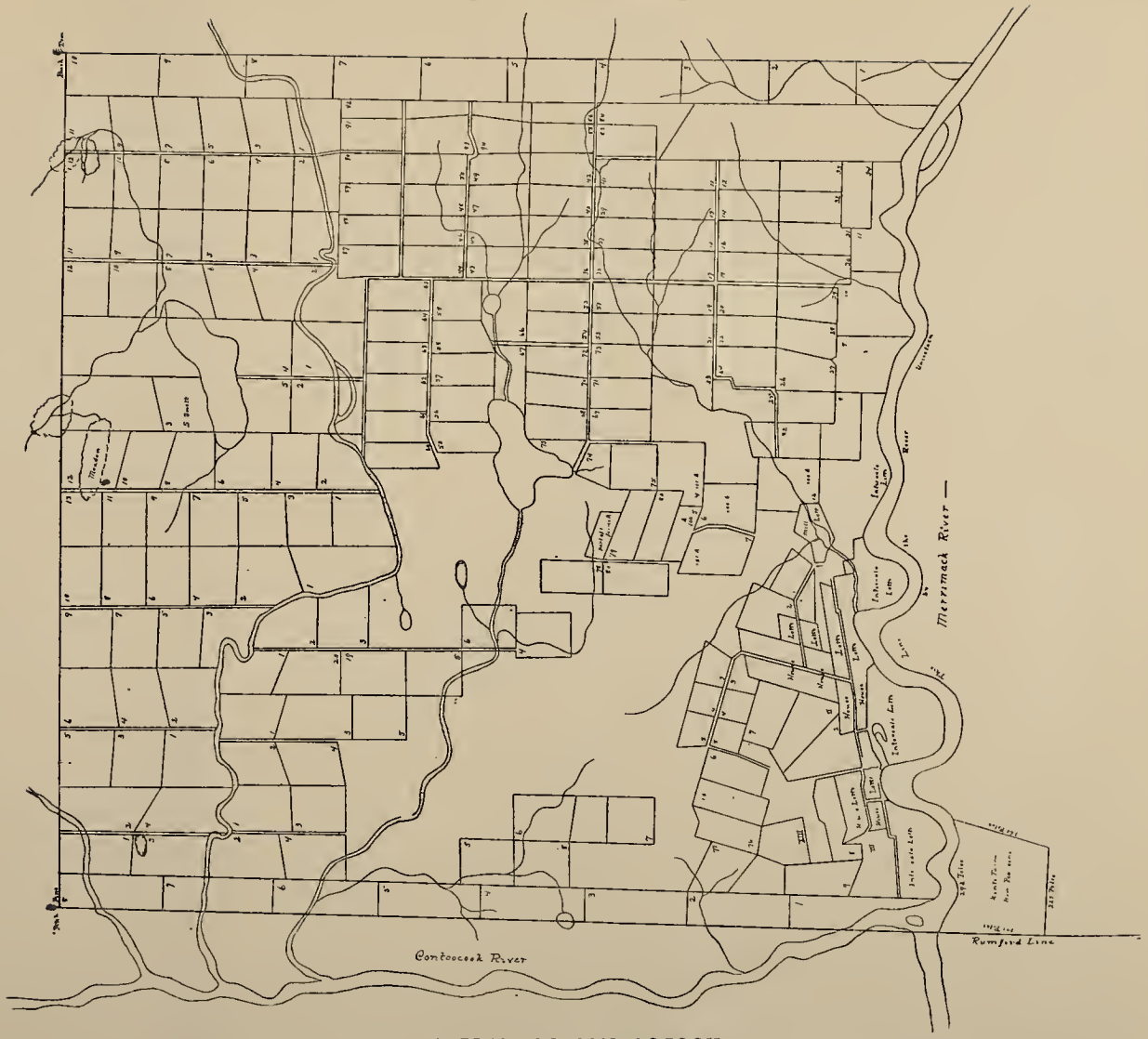
Also, your Hon^{rs} are not unacquainted, how we, your humble Petitioners have been weakned, kept back from increasing, & been even impoverished greatly by the Wars & Troubles of that kind which have been since we begun to settle the foresaid Plantation; it being a Frontier Place, & peculiarly exposed to the Incursions of the Indians—So that we are unable to support the Gospel Ministry among our selves as yet, without the Assistance of the Non resident Proprietors.

We do not desire to keep your Honours out of your just Right: but are willing to concur with our Brethren the non resident Proprietors in taking a Confirmation of the said Plantation from your Honours upon just & reasonable Terms—And we your humble Petitioners hope, & humbly pray that your Honours will be as favourable to us, in respect of Terms as you can, in Consideration that we have lived upon the Land, & been exposed to many Difficulties by Reason of the War; & beginning upon, & subduing & manuring a New, & before uncultivated Land—

And We your humble Petitioners humbly pray that your Honours would take our Case into your wise Consideration, & favour us as much as you can in these two Particulars especially, In obliging the Non resident Proprietors to assist us in supporting the Gospel Ministry among us till we are able to do it our selves—And in confirming the Land to us the Inhabitants, upon as favourable Terms as you can without which we cannot see but we must live without the Gospel Ministry, & our selves & our Children live, & be brought up in Ignorance, more like Heathen than like Christians—

And if your Honours shall grant this our humble Petition, we your humble Petitioners for your Honours, as in duty bound shall ever pray.——

Stephen Gerrish	Jacob flanders	Joseph Easman
Richard flood	Nathaniel Danford	John Webster
Moses Burbank	Ezekiel flanders	william danford
Andrw Bowhun	Nathaniel Danford Juner	William Coser



A PLAN OF CONTOOCOOK

In which are Contain'd The Eighty & Hundred Acre Lotts. The Five Acre House Lotts are not Delineated By Reason the Scale By which This Plan was Protracted was too Small being 120 Poles in an Inch.—

The Intervale being but 5 Acres Lotts are not Delineated for ye Same reson—

Done by Jno Brown Surv^r^

Jesse flanders	John Johnson	Timothy Easman
Moses Call	Joel manuel	George Jackman Juner
Edward fiss Jarrel	Phillep Call	John fowler

[*Quitclaim to certain Lots in Boscawen*, 1758.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Jan. 10, 1758.]

Whereas the sundry Persons hereafter named being all of Newbury in the County of Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay have represented that they have Purchased and Deriv'd sundry Rights Tracts or Parcells of Land lying at a place called Contoocook in the province of New Hampshire their Title to which was derived from a Grant made by the Government of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, That Pursuant thereto they had been at Great Expence in Improving part of the Lands so Purchased supposing their Titles to be good but were now Convinced they could derive no Legal Right by the Grant afores[d] thereupon praying the said Proprietors to Grant to them Respectively the Right of said Proprietors to their several Parcells of land Derived to them as aforesaid——

Which motion having been Considered & in Consideration of the Premises——

Voted That all the right Title Claim property and Demand of said Proprietors of in and unto the several Parcells of Land at Contoocook aforesaid hereafter herein Referr'd to, be and hereby is Granted to the Persons Respectively hereafter named viz[t] to John Moody that Tract of Land Laid out there to his own Original Right and that laid out to the Original Right of Joseph Dole Except one Eighty acre Lott with all the undivided Lands belonging To said Rights, To Benjamin Lunt the one half of the 19th Lott in the second Division so Called, the 4th Lott in the third Division in the second Range and the second Lot in the third division, in the second Range, and the second Lott in the upper farms, with the undivided Land belonging to his Right—To Joseph Willet his own original Right, To Nath[l] Atkinson all that Right which he Purchased of Benjamin Greenleaff by his Deed Dated the 12th day of March 1751, To Joseph Atkinson all that Right which he Purchased of the said Greenleaff by deed bearing the same Date, To Jon[a] Plummer the original Right of Joseph Jackman, To Cutting Lunt his own original Right To John Coffin his own Original Right, and the Right of Cornelius Wood, To Richard Coffin his own original Right To Isaac Titcomb the Original Right of Abraham Titcomb and the Original Right of Archelaus Woodman, and half the Original Right of Richard Greenough, To

Daniel Richards his own original Right, To Daniel Noyes the third the Right of James Noyes, the Right Granted to the first settled Minister hereby is Granted To the Heirs of the late rev^{d} Mr Phinehas Stevens—To Joshua Noyes the Right of Nathan Wheeler, To Abraham Adams jun^{r} his own Original Right, To have and to hold to the several and Respective persons aforesaid the Right and Demand of said Proprietors to the said Several and Respective Tracts & Parcells of land aforesaid and Referr'd, to their several and Respective Heirs and Assigns forever—also to William Moody his own Original Right and to Cutting Moody all that Right he Purchased of Benjamin Greenleaff by Deed dated the 15th of May 1750—in the same manner as aforesaid To John Thirlow the original Right of John Adams as aforesaid——

[*Quit Claim to Certain Lots in Boscawen*, 1758.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, March 6, 1758.]

Whereas the Sundry persons hereafter named being all of Newbury in the County of Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay only Richard Long of Salisbury in said County have Petitioned said proprietors Representing that they have purchased and Deriv'd to themselves or are Concerned in Sundry Rights Tracts and parcells of Land lying at Contoocoke in the province of New Hampshire their title to which was derived from a Grant made by the Government of the Massachusetts Bay aforesaid, That pursuant to the said Grant they had been at Considerable Expence in Improving and Cultivating their respective Rights Supposing their Titles to be good but were now Convinced they could derive no Legal Title to said Lands by the Grant aforesaid & thereupon moved that in Consideration of the Labour and expence the said persons have been at & for promoting the said Settlement the said proprietors would Grant them the Right of said Proprietors to the respective Tracts and parcells of Land by them Claimed which motion having been Considered and it appearing to be likely to advance the said Settlement and in Consideration of the expence and Charge aforesaid therefore—

Voted That all the Right, Title, Interest, property & Demand of said proprietors (not heretofore granted to any others) of in and unto the Several Tracts and parcells of Land hereinaftermentioned or refer'd to, be and hereby is Granted to the persons respectively hereafter named vizt To Joseph Morse his Heirs and assigns that Right originally Granted and appropriated to him, to Daniel Coffin that right which was originally granted to him, to hold to him his Heirs and assigns, to John Smith That Right which was originally granted

to his Father to hold to him his heirs and assigns, to Parker Jaquish his heirs and assigns the half that Right which was originally Granted to Stephen Jaquish, to Daniel Richards a minor the Interval Lott originally draw'd by Jonathan Plummer being N° 40 to hold as aforesaid and also to the said minor the Lott in the Lower Interval so Called N° 61 drawn by Stephen Moody and the house Lott N° 75 drawn by said Moody to hold to the said minor his heirs and assigns, to Isaac Titcomb the 7th Lott in the upper Interval aforesaid N° 7 drawn by Joshua Pilsbery to hold to him his heirs and assigns, to Benjamin Greenleaff his heirs and assigns all that he now owns of the right originally John Chandler's being one hundred acres, to Edmund Morse his heirs and assigns all that original Right which was Daniel Hales, and to the Legal Representatives of Moses Coker all that original Right which was Granted to the said Moses to hold to them their heirs and assigns the said Richard Long being administrator of said Cokers estate and to Benjamin Gale of Haverhill in said County all that right which was originally Benjamin Smith's to hold to him his heirs and assigns, and to Thomas Webster of said Haverhill all that original Right which was Granted to him, and to Samuel Longfellow one original Right which was Joseph Noyes the third—

[*Petition of Jedediah Jewett*, 1767.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 77.]

To the honorable Theodore Atkinson and others Proprietors of Masons Patent,

The humble Petition of Jedidiah Jewett of Rowley in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay &c, Clericus sheweth,

That the s^d^ Jedidiah An° Dom. 1738 purchased in the Plantation then called contoocook, and now Boscawen, one whole right or share of land (excepting the house Lott N. 55, and the Intervall Lott N. 43.) which is the original Right of Eleazer Pierce, And has paid all duties laid upon the purchased premisses from time to time, And the house Lott mentiond had an house on it and was under improvement at the time of the afores^d^ purchase and many years afterwards, and even to this day for aught s^d^ Petitioner knows. And s^d^ Petitioner has one house and intervall Lott in s^d^ Plantation cleared and improved for many years under him, belonging to the original right of John Poor. And That inasmuch as your s^d^ Petitioner, since his Purchase, understands that you have a right to the afores^d^ purchased premises, he prays that you would make a Grant of them to him on

such a consideration as you in your wisdom and goodness shall think fit, and that the terms may be as favorable to him as may be, he having in the year 1738, given for s^{d} share 34. pounds of the then Massachusetts Money and paid the taxes since laid thereon

I am Gentlemen your much obliged and very humble Servant

Jedidiah Jewett

Portsmouth June 17. 1767

Novr 30th 1770 Jed: Jewett p^{d} 8 dollars for ye grant of land of his Petition

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[*John Corser to Proprietors*, 1779.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 78.]

Boscawen Decr 10th 1779

Sir / The Bearer waits on You with my kind Respects, hereby Requesting your favour to send me word by the same hand how I am to Proceed and in What manner the Proprietors are Agreed about a Tract of land, my son William Corsser, is now settled on, in the Gore, I am Very free & Willing to make any Suitable paym^{t} in Cash or produce, if they be pleas'd to send me word, Your kind favour in Assisting, me as I am not Able to Wait on You Will be Gratefully Acknowled by Your Most Humble Servt

John Corser Senr

BOW.

[Granted by Lieut.-Gov. John Wentworth, May 10, 1727, to Jonathan Wiggin and others, and was so named on account of a bend in the river within the town limits. A portion of Bow was combined with Suncook and Buckstreet to make the parish of Pembroke, Nov. 1, 1759. Two tracts of land were severed from Bow, and annexed, one to Concord, and the other to Pembroke, Dec. 13, 1804. A portion was severed and annexed to Allenstown June 22, 1815.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 62; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 209; Index to Laws, 64; sketch, by Harrison Colby, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 263; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 12, 16; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 357.]

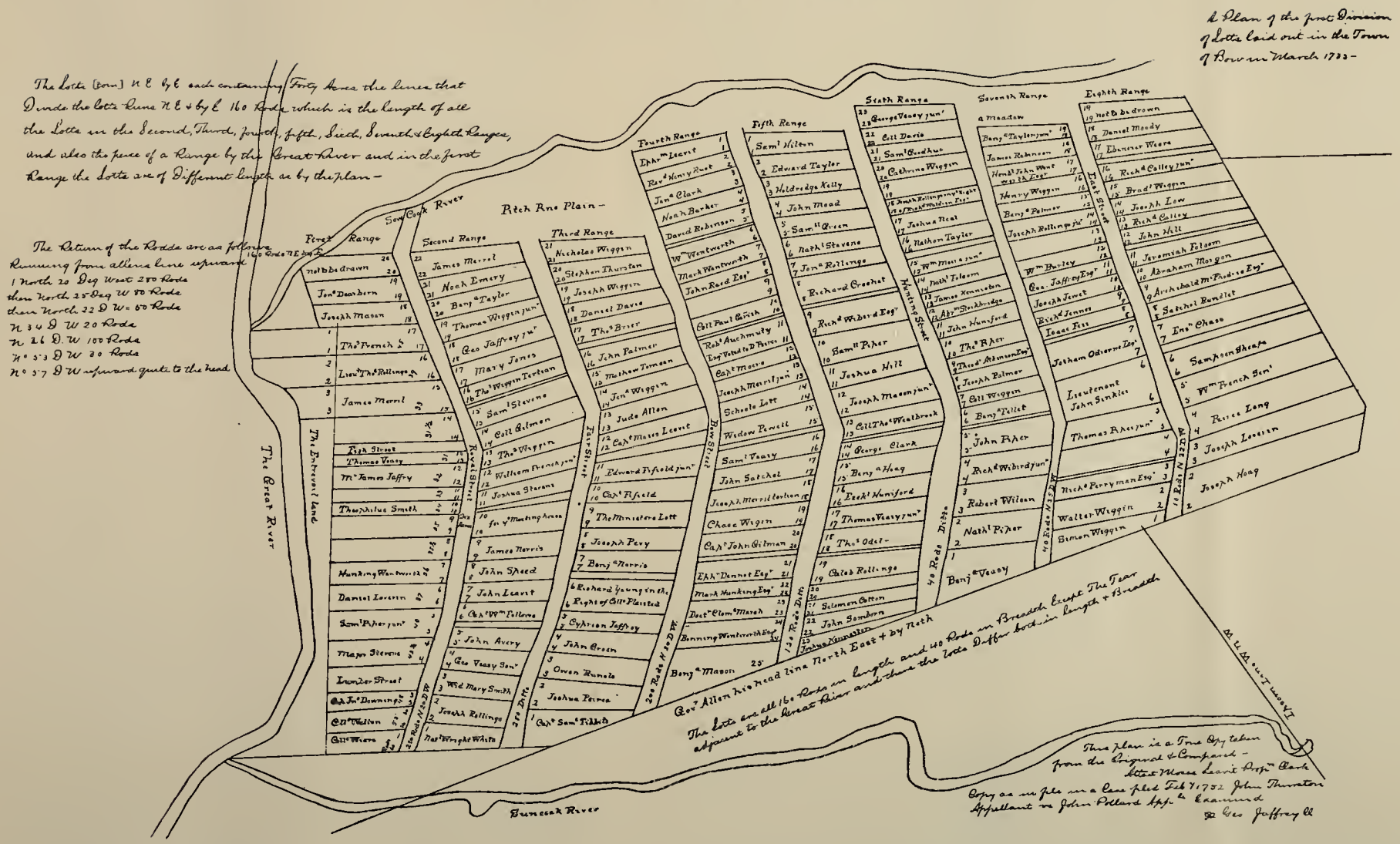
[*Return of Survey of Bow*, 1728–9.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 79.]

This is the Return of the laying out of the Town of Bow—

Forasmuch as that we the Subscribers was Chosen at a legal Town meeting for the town of Bow, held at Stratham January the 28th

[*Plan of First Division in Bow*, 1733.]



1728/9 and forasmuch as that the Charter for Bow, saith it shall Join on Chichester, and Canterbury and lay nine miles square or Carry that breadth of nine miles Southwest from each of the aforesaid Towns, until the full Compliment of eighty one square miles be made up, and we was also directed to leave four miles at the head of Notingham for a Town Granted to new Castle and Greenland therefore we make our return as followeth that is to say on the fourteenth day of February in the year one Thousand Seven hundred and twenty eight, nine, we began at Chichester four mile tree which is the middle of said Town on the southwest side four miles above the head of nottingham, & from said Tree we run four miles northwest by Chichester to the head of said Town to a white oak tree that had Several Letters set on it which tree is the Southwest corner of Chichester, and from thence we measured one mile northeast where we marked a Pitch Pine Tree on four sides and sett on the Letters A W : W M : E F and marked several trees thereby which tree is the northeast Corner of Bow, standing northwest a few rods from a small spruce swamp and a little river and from said tree we measured five miles northwest Where we marked a black oak Tree on four sides and several trees thereby and Sett on the letters A W : W M : E F which tree is the north west corner of Bow standing near the Northwest end of a Plesant hill and from said tree we measured nine miles southwest where we marked a Hemlock tree on four sides and several trees thereby and set on the letters A W : W M : E F: which tree is the southwest Corner of Bow, and it stands by a Bigg Rock and Southwest about Sixty rods from Bever damn and meadow and seven miles & three Quarters from the Great River of Pennycook as we measured, and from thence we measured five miles Southeast where we marked a Chesnut Tree on four sides & Sot on the letters A. W : W M : E F which tree is a Corner tree where we sot off one mile to keep the Distance of nine miles from Chichester and it stands on the norwest side of a long Rise Prity high good Corn land and from said Tree we measured one mile Southwest where we marked a twin black burch, on four sides and several Trees thereby & set on the letters A W: W M. E F which tree is the south West Corner of Bow, on that part where we set off one mile to keep the Distance of nine Miles from Chichester as is aforesaid and it stands on high land and from said Tree we measured four miles southeast where we marked a White oak Tree on four sides and set on the letters A W : W M : E F: which tree is the South East Corner of Bow, and it stands on a white oak Plain and from said Tree we measured one mile and Quarter northeast to the great river of Pennycook and so the same Course Of

Northeast seven miles and three Quarters to Chichester, four mile tree first mentioned, this Given under our hand at Strathem February the Twenty fifth one thousand seven hundred & twenty eight nine— 1728/9—

Andrew Wiggin— }
William Moore— } Com^tee
Edward Fifield— }

The aforesaid is a true Copy from the records of Bow the 30th day of may 1753—

attest Moses Leavit Prop^rs Cle^r
Copy Examined ℘ Geo: Jaffrey Cl

[*Deposition of Andrew Wiggin*, 1756.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 79.]

Coll^o And^r Wiggin Dep^o Jany 16, 1756—

The Deposition of Col^l Andrew Wiggin aged about eighty five years testifies & says that he together with Capt Edward fifield & Capt Wm Moore Dec^d were Chosen by the proprietors of the Town of Bow in the year of our Lord 1728 to lay out said Town of Bow, accordingly in s^d year we proceeded on said Business and begun at Chichester four mile tree so Called leaving four miles between the head of Nottingham and said tree for a Township granted to new Castle and Greenland which township the Deponant understands is Called by the name of Epsom, and from said four Mile Tree we run four miles Bounding on the South west side of said Chichester till we Came to the head thereof and then measured one mile north east & made a Bound, & from thence we run five miles northwest, bounding on the South West side of Canterbury and made bounds and from thence we run nine miles Southwest and made bounds, and from thence we run five miles South East and to keep our Distance of nine miles from Chichester we measured one mile Southwest and made bounds, and from thence we run four miles Southeast and so made our return to the four mile tree first mentioned The Deponant further says that whereas he together with the said Fifield & Moor in their return of the laying out of said Bow, Say that they began at Chichester four mile tree which is the middle of said Town on the South west side, four miles above the head of notingham &^ca That since he by Information is become better acquainted with the situation of the s^d Towns of Chichester & Epsome, and the other Towns in that neighbourhood, That, That which they in the above recited

return Call the four mile Tree on the South west side of Chichester is the four mile tree on the southerly or Southeasterly Corner of said Chichester at the head of said Epsome—

[*Settlement of Bow Line*, 1758.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 79.]

Whereas the Proprietors of Bow in the Province of New Hampshire at a Legal Meeting held at Stretham in Said Province on the 26th Day of May Anno Domini 1755 made Choice of & fully Authorized Theophilus Smith Esqr Daniel Marston & Samuel Lane or any two of them to Settle the Boundary Line between the Said Township of Bow & the Lands belonging to the Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr lying in the Province of New Hampshire And the Said Proprietors at a Legal Meeting held at Portsmouth in Said Province the 22d Day of Novr 1757 made Choice of & fully Authorized Nathl Meserve George Jaffrey Esqrs & John Rindge and any two of them to Settle Said Boundary Line for Said Proprietrs and Such as hold under them The Said Theophilus Smith & Samuel Lane (the Said Daniel Marston being Deceasd) and the Said Nathanael Meserve & George Jaffrey for and in behalf Said Respective Proprietors and those who hold under them Have Several times met Produced & duly Considerd the Claims & Demands of Each Party And have finally Mutually Concluded & Agreed That the Dividing Line Between the Said Township of Bow on the Southeasterly Side thereof and the Lands of said Proprietors of Masons Right & those who hold as aforesaid Shall be as Follows viz Beginning on the Line of the Township of Epsom at the North Easterly Corner of the Lot laid out in the Right of Said Proprietors at a Place called Buck Street Numberd twelve from thence Shall Run at the head of the Lots laid out as aforesaid at Said Buck Street on a South West & by South Course until it Intersects the head Line of the Lot Numberd five and from thence on a South West Course until it Comes to the Southerly Corner of said Township of Bow—In Witness whereof the Persons Authorized as aforesaid have hereunto Interchangeably Set their hands the twenty first Day of January 1758—

Witnesses
William Parker
David Sewall

Theophilus Smith
Samuel Lane
Nath Meserve
Geo: Jaffrey

[*Francis Carr to Proprietors*, 1759.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 79.]

Bow March ye 31st 1759

S^r^ I would be Down to you before now to pay you Some Money but the man that I was to have A part of the money off is Inlisted and I Cant Recover the Money of him But I Expect to See You very Soon. therefore I beg your patience A Little for Intend to pay you Intrest whilot paid Being all at Present from

Francis Carr

S^r^ your Humb^l^ Servt

[*Bow Committee to Perambulate Town Lines*, 1759.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 79.]

Province of } Att a Legall Meeting of the Proprietors of the
New Hamp^r^ } Township of Bow Held at Stratham on Tuesday the Sixth Day of February 1759.

Voted That Walter Bryent Esqr Samuel Lane & Capt Israel Gilman be a Committee (they or either two of them) to Perambulate the Lines of Bow, with the Proprietors of the Land Adjoyning on the Northwest and Southwest Sides of Bow; Untill it comes to the South Corner of Said Bow, to the Line Setled with the Purchasers of Masons Claims (so call'd) And that Said Committee Notifie the Proprietors of the Land Adjoyning on Said Bow as aforesaid, to Joyn with them therein if they See Cause. the Same to be Compleated and make Report thereof to the Proprietors of Said Bow, as Soon as may be

a true Copy from Said Prop^rs^ Records

Attest Saml Lane Prop^r^ Clk

[*Boundaries of Bow*, 1759.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 80.]

Whereas the Proprietors of Bow in the Province of New Hampshire at a Legal Meeting held at Stratham in Said Province on the Sixth Day of February Anno Domini 1759, made Choice of and fully Authorized Walter Bryent Esqr Samuel Lane & Capt Israel Gilman (they or Either two of them) to Perambulate the Lines of Bow with the Proprietors of the Land adjoyning on the Northwest and Southwest Sides of Said Bow &c And the Proprietors of the

Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr Lying in the Province of New Hampshire at a Legal Meeting held at Portsmouth in Said Province the 22nd Day of November 1757 Made Choice of and fully Authorized Nathl Meserve George Jaffrey Esq^{rs} and John Rindge and any two of them to Settle the Said Boundary Lines for Said Proprietors and Such as hold under them. The Said Walter Bryent & Samuel Lane and the Said George Jaffrey and John Rindge for and in behalf of the Said Respective Proprietors and those who hold Under them have Several times Met Produced and Duly Considered the Claims and Demands of Each Party and have finally Mutually Concluded and Agreed that the Said Norwesterly Side Line of Said Bow Shall begin on the Southwesterly Side Line of Canterbury at a Small Black oak Tree Spotted on four Sides and Markd with the Letters A W. W M. E F. and Several other Trees are Spotted thereby which Tree Stands on the Norwesterly Side of a Pleasent Hill and is Mentioned in the Return of the Laying out of Said Bow Dated Febr 25th 1728/9. and also in the Return of the Perambulation of the Lines of Said Bow, which was Perambulated in the Month of December 1748. Said Tree Stands in Canterbury Line about four or five Rods Southeasterly from Hackets Brook so Called which Black oak Tree Shall be the Notherly Corner of Bow aforesaid as was Mention'd at a Meeting of Said Masons Proprietors on the first Instant and Directed by them to be So Setled by their Committee—and from Said Black oak Tree the Said Norwesterly Side Line of Bow Shall run the Course Mentioned in the Charter of Said Bow.—

In Witness whereof the Persons authorized as aforesaid have hereunto Interchangebly Set their hands the fourteenth Day of February 1759.

Witnesses
James Stoodly Ju^{r}
Hubartus Neal

Com'ittees
Walter Bryent
Saml Lane
Geo: Jaffrey
Jno Rindge

[*Bounds of Bow.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 81.]

Bow Bounds—

Begining on the South East Side of the Town of Chester & Runing nine miles by Chester & Canterbury & Carrying that breadth of nine miles from Each of the afores^{d} Towns South West until the full Compliment of Eighty one Square Miles Are fully made up.

BRADFORD.

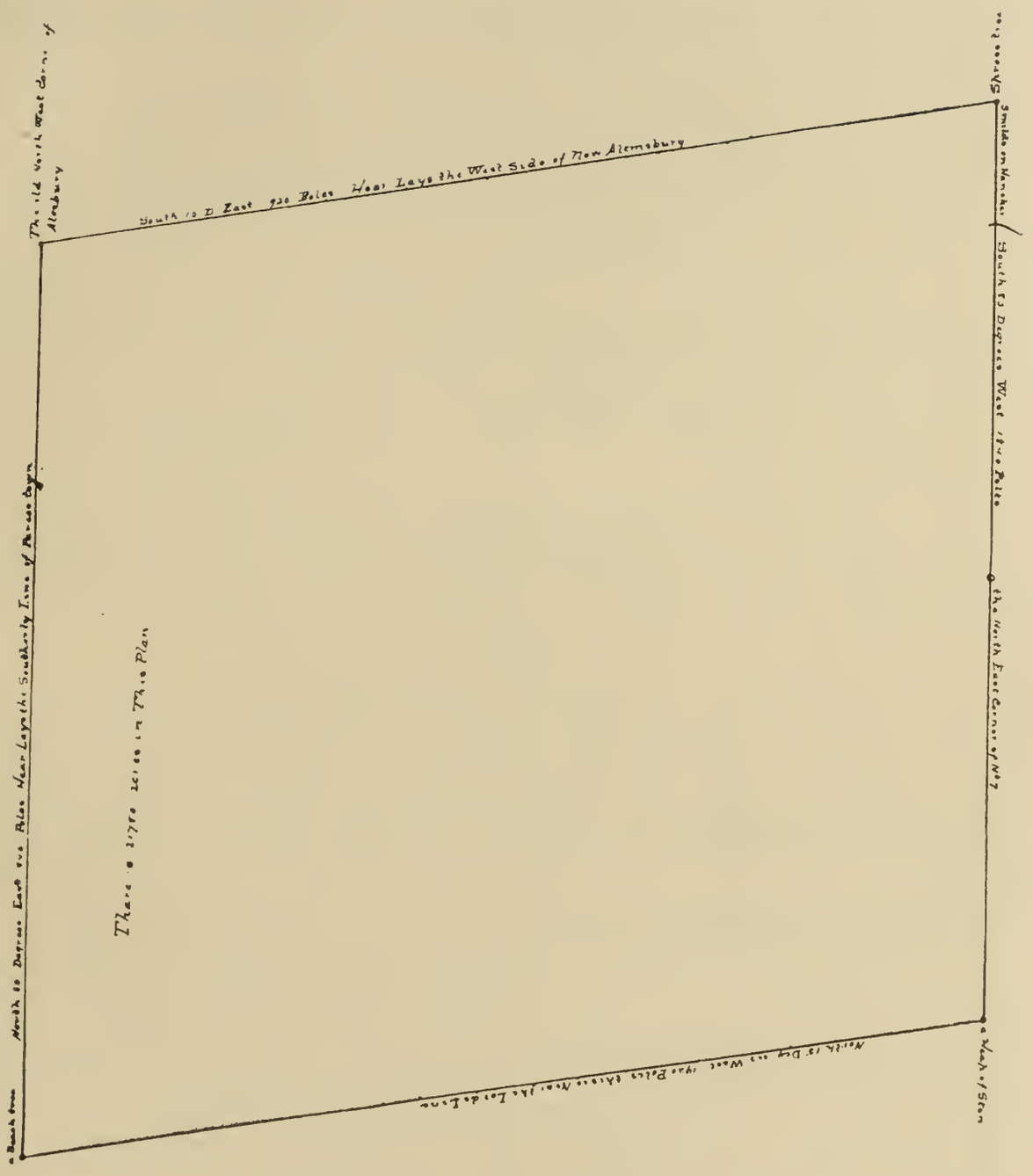
[This town was probably *Number* 2 in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts Jan. 16, 1735–6. Afterwards granted by the Masonian Proprietors. It was named *New Bradford* by settlers from Bradford, Mass. Incorporated as Bradford Sept. 27, 1787, and included New Bradford, Washington Gore, and a part of Washington. A tract of land was severed from Newbury and annexed to Bradford Dec. 6, 1796, and another, June 22, 1859.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 219; Index to Laws, 65; sketch, by John M. Hawks, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 185; Centennial Celebration, 1887, pp. 110; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 18; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 357.]

[*Plan of Bradford*, 1768.]

This is a Plan of a Tract of Land Laying one the Westerly Side of Newalemsbury and Northerly of Haneker and N° 7: Containing : 21780: acres Laid Down by a Scale of : 160: Poles to one Inch: Timothy Clement and Cornelus Bean Cheen men: Jeremiah Page Su^{r}

Dated December y^{e} 6: 1768—



[*Petition of Thornton and Holland*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 82.]

To the Purchasers of John Tufton Mason, Esq's, Patent Lying in the Province of New Hampshire

Mathew Thornton & Stephen Holland Humbly Shew.

That we have been at Considerable Expence & trouble to ascertain the situation, Quantity, Quallity, & Bounds of the tract of Land

Described in the Plan herewith Exhibited. And find that it Lyes within your Patent.—

2ly That you never Granted said tract.—

3ly That a Considerable part of said tract is not Habitable—

4ly—That a quantity sufficient for a Small Parish is Good.—

Finally, we are Ready, & willing, to Make as Many, & as speedy settlements, as you think proper.—

Therefore pray your Honours, to take the Premisses, Under Consideration, & Grant said tract, to us, & Associates, Under such Restrictions, Limitations, & Reservations, as you Judge Most for the Advantage of Grantors, & Grantees.

And your Petitioners, as in Duty, Bound will ever pray, &c

Londonderry, Jany 30th A D 1769. Mathew Thornton
Stephn Holland

Febv 1st 1769 Recd on file and read Geo: Jaffrey Proprs Cl

Memo This Tract of Land petitioned for above not to be granted to other Petitioners without informing these Petitioners who are to be preferred—

[*Petition of William Presbury*, 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 83.]

To the Honourable, the Proprietors of mr Mason's Patent (so called)

The Petition of William Presbury of Henniker, in the Province of New-Hampshire, humbly sheweth

That whereas your humble Petitioner, upon some Encouragements offered to him, some time ago, (which Encouragement failed him afterward) begun a Settlement on Land in a Township commonly called among us, Bradford Town, a Township of the Line of Towns granted & laid out by the General Court of the Massachusetts-Bay in the year 1736. And Bradford Men proposed to have settled it, but were discouraged, when they had viewed the Land—

Your humble Petitioner having done considerable work on said Land—as, built a House; cleared several Acres of Land & planted some Corn, is now reduced to the Necessity of losing all his Labour and Cost already laid out upon said Land; or of being treated as a Trespasser, unless your Honours will make him some Help, by granting him the Land where he has done work, & laid out Cost, upon some favourable Conditions.—And your Petitioner having heard, that Your Honours will give away Land in said Township to encourage Persons to settle the said Township, emboldens him to apply to

your Honours for the Favour—And your Petitioner being the first that has done any work towards a Settlement in the said Township, hopes to have as good Encouragement about it as any; and to have Land granted to him where he has begun to labour, and adjoining thereto—Namely, One hundred Acres on the southerly Branch of Almsbury River (so called) so as to extend fifty rods on each side of said Branch, against where his House stands—And from the Mouth of said Branch, up the said Branch till the hundred Acres are compleated.

If your Honours will be pleased to grant to your Petitioner, as aforesaid, Your Petitioner intends to have his Family on the said Land this Summer—And your humble Petitioner for your Hon^{rs} as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

William Presbury

Dated at Henniker, June 10th 1771.

[*John Stinson Asks for a Grant*, 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 84.]

John Stinson of Dunbarton and Associates pray to know of the Prop^{rs} of Mason's Claim whether they will Sell him & Asssociates a Certain Tract of Land heretofore granted by the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay to Sundry Persons, by the Name of Bradfordton—Likewise the purchase Sum and the Conditions of holding the Same—

June 26th 1771 ℔ Attorney J Pickering

To the Prop^{rs} of Mason's Claim

[*Petition of Sanborn, Cressey, and Bayley, Received Sept.* 27, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 85.]

To the Proprietors of Masons Pattent we understand that your Hon^{s} have laid out a Certain Number of Lotts of Land to Dispose of for Settlement in a place called Newbradford, And we ye Subscribers your Humble petitioners do humbly Request each of us a Lott of Land in s^{d} Newbradford as we have been on the Land And have choice of, each of us, a lott And have done some Labour on s^{d} Land we your Petitioners have taken much pains to procure a title to s^{d} Land we have sent by Mr William Presbury Sundry tim's And the return which he made to us was that the Proprietors had not agreed on what terms to Dispose of s^{d} Land, But we have Lately

been enformed that the proprietors have agreed to give away a Number of s[d] Lotts for Settlement, And we your Petitioners take this oportunity to make Application for a title to s[d] Land, And the Lotts which we have made choice of is N° 20 N° 21 N° 22

We your Petitioners begg your Hon[rs] would see fitt to grant this our Humble Request—

Moses Sanborn
Daniel Cresey
Moses Bayley

[*John Putney's Bond for Settlement in Bradford*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 86.]

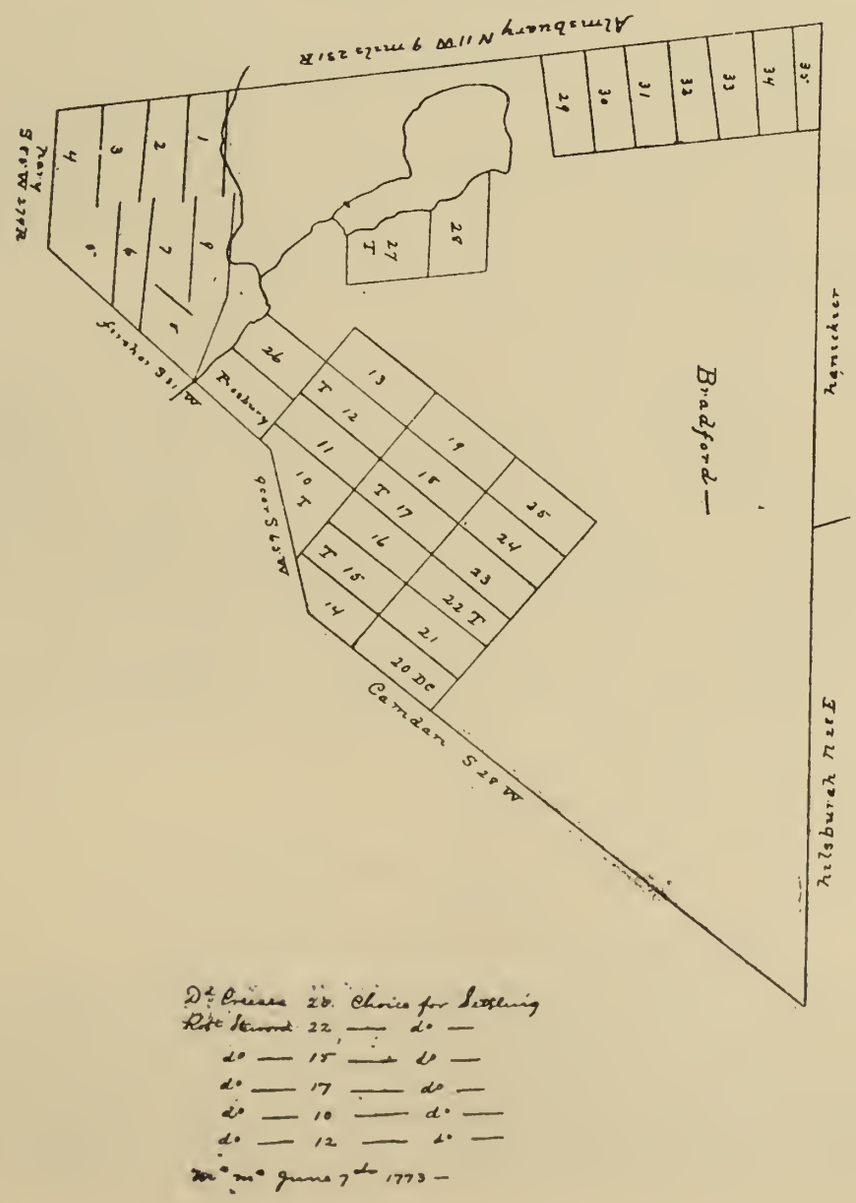
Know all Men by these Presents That I John Putney of Hopkinton in the County of Hillsborough & Province of New Hampshire Gentleman am held & firmly bound unto George Jaffrey of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham & Province aforesaid Esq[r] as Clerk of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq[r] situate in the Province of New Hampshire in the Just Sum of three hundred pounds lawful money of said Province to be paid unto the said George Jaffrey as Clerk aforesaid to his Successor or Successors in said Office for the Use of said Proprietors to the which payment well & truly to be made I bind myself my heirs Executors & Administrators firmly by these Presents Sealed with my Seal Dated the fifth Day of November in the fourteenth Year of his Majestys Reign Annoque Domini 1773—

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas the said Proprietors have agreed to grant unto the said John Putney & others a certain tract of Land in Bradford town in the County of Hillsborough aforesaid upon certain terms & Conditions of Settlement And whereas the said John Putney hath agreed with said Proprietors for himself & other Grantees in said Bradford town that Jonathan Putney Daniel Stickney Daniel Young Samuel Putney Joseph Stanley William Clements Benjamin Stanley William Stanley Ebenezer Colby or either of them shall upon the following Lots in said Bradfordtown viz[t] Lot N° 29. N° 22. N° 17. N° 24. N° 6. N° 19. N° 31. N° 20. & N° 11. clear or cause to be cleard three acres of Land fit for Tillage or Mowing build an house on each of said Lots & put a family therein which shall constantly reside there—within one Year from the Date hereof—That said Grantees shall clear or cause to be clear'd four Acres more of Land on each of said Lots within two Years—And four Acres more within three Years from the Date hereof fit for Tillage or Mowing—And that the Person who shall settle on Lot N° 11. shall build a Gristmill & Saw Mill thereon

or shall cause the said Mills to be there built within eighteen Months from the Date hereof Now if the said John Putney his heirs Executors or Administrators or any other Person for him or them shall well and truly perform or Cause to be performed the Several articles aforesaid on his part in Time & manner aforesaid to be performed & done Then the above Obligation shall be null & void otherwise shall remain in full force & Virtue—

Signed Sealed & delivered John Putney [Seal]
In presence of—
Lucy Dudley Wainwright
Timothy Ham

[*Plan of Bradford.*]



[*Condition of Settlements in Bradford*, 1778.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 87.]

Bradfordtown march the 23=1778

sir I am in formd that you are desiareous to know how the settelers goes on and mils by m^r^ Isaac davice of Hopkinton I would in form you that Daniel stickney has Cut down three or 4 akers on the 22 Lot and that is all he has done of his duty and offers to sell it samuel Putny may have done half of his dutty as near as I can judg on the 24 lot and sold it and gon of Capt Putny Cut down 3 or 4 akers and sold it lot 29 and at present their is nobody on thes 3 lots and as for the mill lot Ebenezer Colbe resids their and has done the duty of that lot acsept the mills he has logd up the body of the saw mill and put on a rof and done something towards the dam now going on fouer years ago and says he dont intend to do no more to it the rest of the settelers are on some have got their duty don and some have not yet we the settelers suffers Very much for want of the mills pray sirs help us as sone as you Can and if you disspose of any more of this land for setteling I will find the settelers if you plese and if you want to know any thing more pertickler lett me know by a line or two and I am to serve your honors

William Presbury

sirs I would in form you that mr John Brown has moved with his famely on the 8 lot with the advice of some folks not intending to hold by force he intended to have ben one of the first settelers had not Capt Putny put him out in his dissine I menchend him to your honors but you did not see fit and now he is in hops that by their delay you will be Pleased to make him a setteler or sell him the land he has got a snug house and Cut down 5 or 6 akers of trees

Isaac Davis of Hopkinton Desires that he may have a Lot of Land in Bradford, Also Moses Sanburne Wants Lot N° 21, Francis Whitcher Desires Lot N° 27—

[*Agreements for Lots in Bradford*, 1778.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 87.]

State of New Hamps^r^ } Portsmouth June 18th 1778 This Day agreed with Francis Whittier of Hopking Town in the State afforsaid to Settle a Lot of Land in the Township of Bradford, N° 27 on Condition of his Clearing upon said Lot of Land Three Acres fit for Mowing or Tillage and Build him a House suitable for a

Family to live in and moving thereunto, and Reside there with his Family within Twelve Months from the Date hereof then to have a Grant from the Proprietors, he engaging to Compleat the Setling Duties, as agreed by the Other Setlers now Residing in said Bradford—

a Coppy—

Dani[l] Rogers—
Will[m] Wipple—
John Penhallow—

State of New Hamps[r] } Portsmouth June 18th 1778 Rec[d] of M[r] William Stanley of Hopkingtown in the State afforesaid Thirty Pounds Lawfull Money in full for One hundred Acres of Land in the Township of Bradford N° 21 for which Lot We the Subscribers engage to procure for the Said William Stanly a Grant of said Lot of Land Aforesaid, when the Proprietors of Masons Patten have a Meeting and then the said William Stanly to give his Obligation to Fullfill the Setling duties upon Said Lot—as was agreed with by the Other Setlers in the said Town of Bradford—the above Money Rec[d] for the Use of the Proprietors and paid George Jeffery Esq[r] as Clerk to said Proprietors—

a Coppy

Committee { Daniel Rogers—
William Whipple—.
John Penhallow—

State of New Hamps[r] } Portsmouth June 18th 1778 This day agreed with Isaack Davis of Hopkingtown to Setle a Lot of Land in Bradford in the State Aforesaid N° 28 on Condition of his Clearing upon said Lot of Land Three Acres fitt for Mowing or Tillage and Build him a House Suitable for a Family to Live in and Moving thereunto and reside there with his Family within Twelve Months from the date hereof—then to have a Grant from the Proprietors he engaging to Compleat the Setling Duty's as Agreed by the other Setlers now Residing in said Bradford—

A Coppy

Committee { Dani[l] Rogers—
Willi[m] Whipple—
John Penhallow—

[*Abraham Kimball's Proposal*, 1778.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 88.]

M[r] Abraham Kimball of Newtown in the State of New Hamp[r] Offers to Finish and Compleat the Saw and Grist Mill at Bradford Town, and to Take his pay in Land, and If any Land to be Disposed off

Wou'd be Glad to have the Offer it—and If the Proprietors Incline to Agree with said Kimball about the Mills he desires he may have Letter sent him upon the Affair Portsm° Octob^r 1. 1778—

[*Request of William Stanley*, 1780.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 88.]

Hopkinton January 1780

To the Commitee of the pattentees of John Tuften masons Right these Shueth that whereas I Bought the Lot N° 21 In Bradford town of the said Committee and have Sold the Lot To Ebenezer Colby of Said Bradford town and as you Engaged To Grant Said Lot To me I Desire you would Grant Said Lot To the Said Ebenezer Colby and you will oblige your Frind—

W Enoch Bailey Wm Stanly
Isaac Bailey

[*Proprietors' Reservations in Bradford*, 1781.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 24, 1781, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 89.]

The Draft of the Lots of 15 Purchasers Rights vizt

To John Wentworth Esqr—	N° 68 – 1 – 86 – 75 – 80
To Richard Wibird Esqr—	32 – 65 – 67 – 83 – 93
To John Moffatt Esqr—	69 – 47 – 63 – 26 – 90
To George Jaffrey Esqr—	46 – 7 – 48 – 59 – 81
To Mark H^g Wentworth Esqr—	100 – 25 – 49 – 55 – 98
To Jotham Odiorne Esqr—	30 – 9 – 2 – 39 – 92
To Thomas Packer Esqr—	71 – 14 – 53 – 58 – 73
To Solly and March—	74 – 40 – 61 – 56 – 79
To Meserve and Comp^a—	72 – 61 – 87 – 78 – 91
To Joshua Peirce Esqr—	27 – 4 – 12 – 42 – 77
To Peirce and Moore—	37 – 5 – 50 – 82 – 89
To Theodore Atkinson Esqr—	38 – 51 – 88 – 54 – 96
To Thomas Wallingford Esqr—	28 – 52 – 66 – 57 – 97
To John Rindge—	60 – 13 – 70 – 76 – 95
To Thomlinson and Mason—	41 – 3 – 64 – 43 – 84

It is here noted, that there are Sundry Lots in the Plan of Bradford Town or New Bradford, which are not drawn to the Rights of the above Said Purchasers, in this Division and Draft of Lots; but are joined with Lots in other Divisions and Drafts of Lots, to render the general Division more equal—and are drawn in the following manner—vizt—

[*Plan of Bradford*, 1781.]

This Plan is laid Down by a Scale of two Hundred rods to an Inch the Lots under Number 35 Contain 100 Acres Each the Lots above N 35 contains 105 acres each Except those which have the Number of acres Set on the Lots & a Reserve for Highways through each Lot above N° 35 if Wanted the Letter, B, which is Set against the Bounds is for Beech the Letter, H, for Hemlock

p[r] Henry Gerrish Surveyer

A Plan of Bradford Town and a Grore Lying Between Fishersfield & Washington Finished Surveying Nov[r] 1st 1781 By Jeremiah Page Esq[r] & H : Gerrish

To George Jaffrey Esqr Lot N° 45 } are drawn in the Division of
To Peirce and Moore N° 44 } Cammell's Gore to make 15 equal Shares—

To George Jaffrey Esqr—N° 85 containing 53 acres } are drawn in
To Thomlinson & Mason—N° 99 containing 80 acres & } the Division
N° 94 containing 51 acres } of Lands in
To Theodore Atkinson Esqr—N° 35 containing 60 acres } Alexandria, Alexandria Addition and 17th Share reserved in the Gore near Winipissioke Pond—

To George Jaffrey, John Moffatt & Peirce and Moore— } Lot N° 36 cont^{s} 74 Acres & Lot N° 94 in 3^{d} Range from Hillsborough, cont^{s} 51 Acres, to make up in part the Deficiency of their Rights in Society land as ℔ Vote of October 19th 1780—

[*Request for Grants in Bradford by Nathaniel Presbury*, 1793.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 90.]

Bradford Aprill ye 2 1793

to the honorable Propriters of bradford sirs

as I am a setteler in said town & on the Lot N° 15 which William Presbury gave his bond for Dowing the settelers Duty & the Duty being Done Long ago I Pray your Honors to send me a grant by the baer here of Wm Presbury these from your frind and humbel servent

Nathaniel Presbury

Bradford Aprill ye 2 1793

to the Honorable Propriters of Bradford sirs

Where as I have booght the werstly side of that Lot N° 22 that Daniel stickney undertook to settel I should be glad if your honors would be Plesd to send me a grant by the baer hear of this from your homble servent

Nathaniel Presbury

[*Request for Grant in Bradford by Joseph Presbury*, 1793.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 90.]

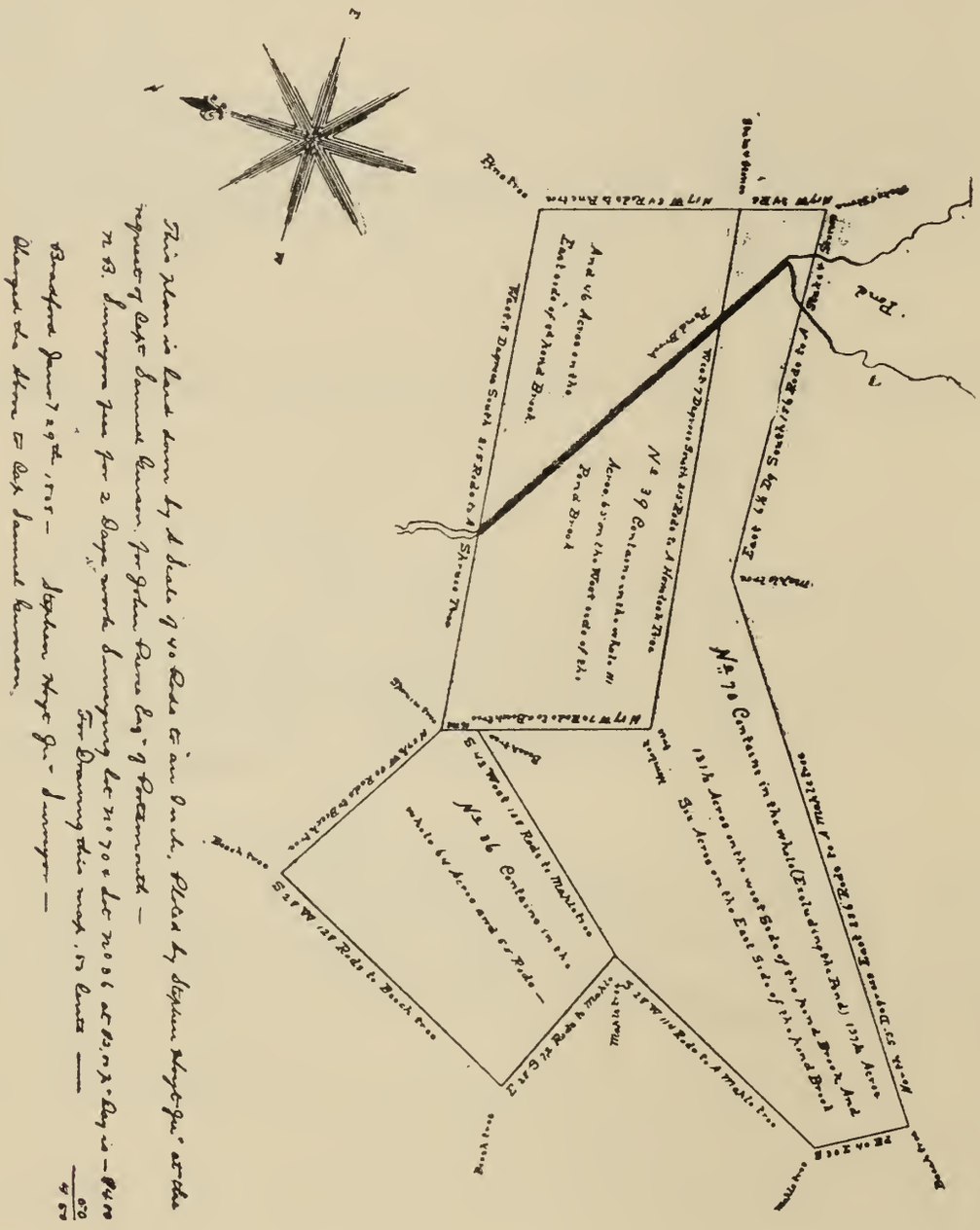
Bradford Septembor ye 27 1793

to the Henorebel Propriters of Bradford sirs

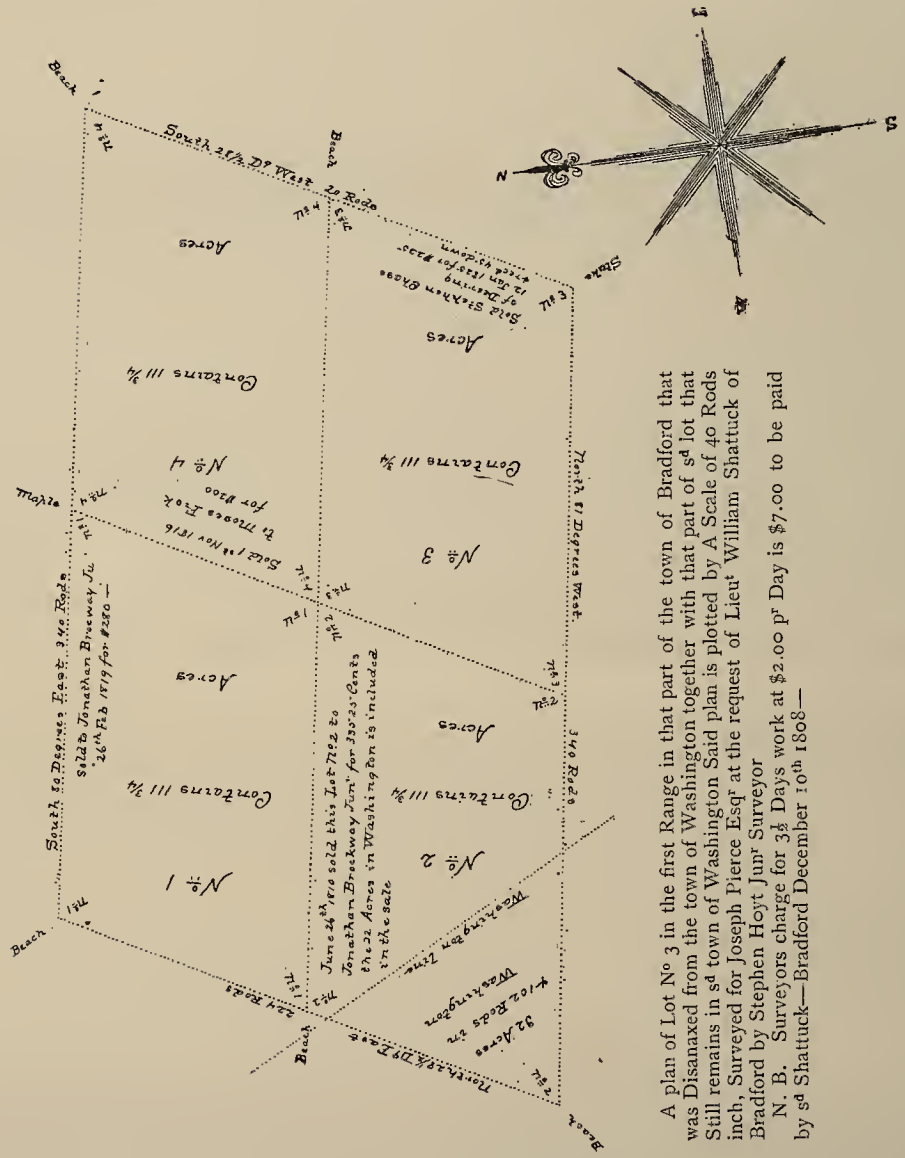
as I am a setteler in said town and on the Lot N° 17 which Daniel yong onder took to settel I should be glad if your honours Would be Plesed to send me a grant by the Baer Here of

Joseph Presbury

[*Plan of Lots in Bradford*, 1808.]



[*Plan of Lot in Bradford, 1808.*]



A plan of Lot N° 3 in the first Range in that part of the town of Bradford that was Disanaxed from the town of Washington together with that part of s^d^ lot that Still remains in s^d^ town of Washington Said plan is plotted by A Scale of 40 Rods inch, Surveyed for Joseph Pierce Esqr at the request of Lieut^t^ William Shattuck of Bradford by Stephen Hoyt Junr Surveyor

N. B. Surveyors charge for 3½ Days work at $2.00 p^r^ Day is $7.00 to be paid by s^d^ Shattuck—Bradford December 10th 1808—

Febr^y^ 17th 1810 There was a man here to day who called himself Jonathan Brockway Junr who wished to purchase Lot N° 2 and offered 300 Dollars for it had 100 Dollars with him—I asked 400 Dol^s^ for the Lot, and after a time I offered the Lot for 350 he would not give it, & went away

Lot N° 1 I value at 300
N° 2 —— at 400
N° 3 —— at 100
N° 4 —— at 200

I should deduct nearly 20 ℔^r^ C^t^ from all the Lots except N° 3 if it will ever sell at all it will fetch 100 Dollars

There is said to be some good pasture land on N° 1—N° 2 is good pasture land N° 3 is most all of it bog—some pine land round on the out sides of the Lot the timber all cut of—N° 4 is much better that N° 3

This plan is laid down by A Scale of 40 Rods to an Inch, Ploted by Stephen Hoyt Ju^{r} at the request of Capt Samuel Guison, for John Pierce Esqr of Portsmouth—

N. B. Surveyors fees for 2 Days work Surveying lot N° 70 & Lot N° 36 at $2.00 p^{r} Day is— $4.00

For Drawing this map, 50 Cents— .50

$4.50

Bradford Janr^{y} 29th 1808— Stephen Hoyt Ju^{r} Surveyor—
Charged the Above to Cap Samuel Gunison

[*John Putney's Lots in Bradford.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 90.]

Settling Lotts in Bradford
N° 17, 29, 19, 31, 6, 20, 22, 11, 24.

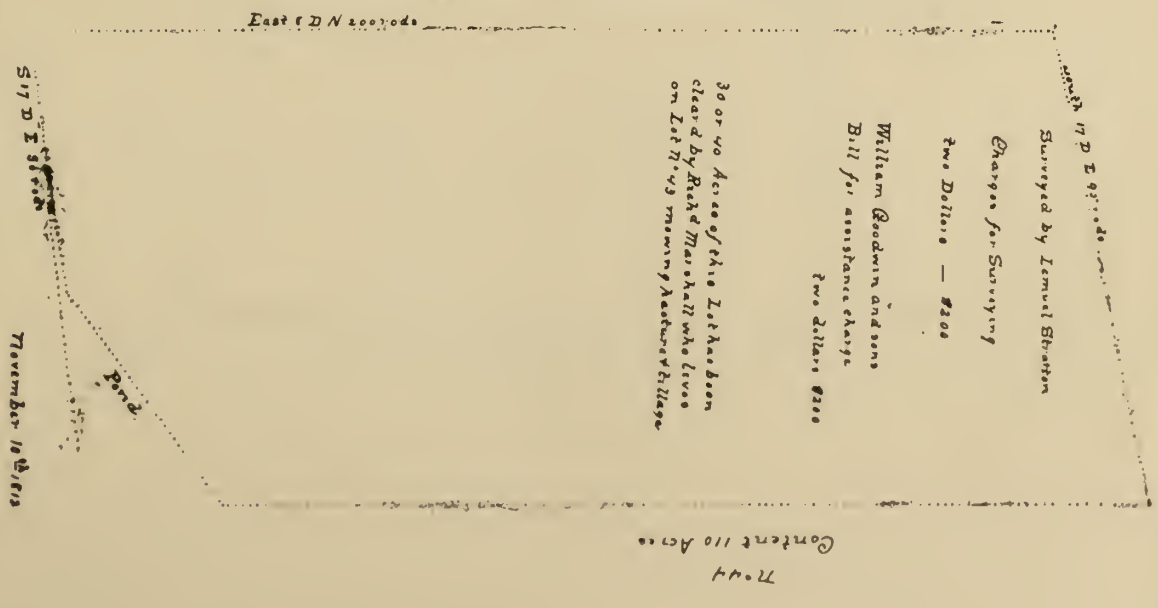
Mr John Putney is to let the Proprietors know by y^{e} 2^{d} wendsday in Octo^{r} if the weather permitts, whether he will settle the above lotts if they don't hear from him by the third wendsday they are at Liberty to grant s^{d} lotts to any other Person

Names of Persons who gave Power of Attorney to Capt Putney to agree for lands in Bradford & ye Lots to each person ——

N° 22 Daniel Stickney
Joseph Stanly
N° 31 Benj^{a} Stanly
N° 20 Wm Stanly
N° 11 Eben^{r} Colby
Wm Clements N° 19
Daniel Young N° 17
Samuel Putney j^{r} N° 24
abner Colby N° 6
Jon^{a} Putney N° 29
& his father Jn° Putney

Nathl Presbury Lot N° 15 is Setled—

[*Plan of Lot in Bradford*, 1812.]



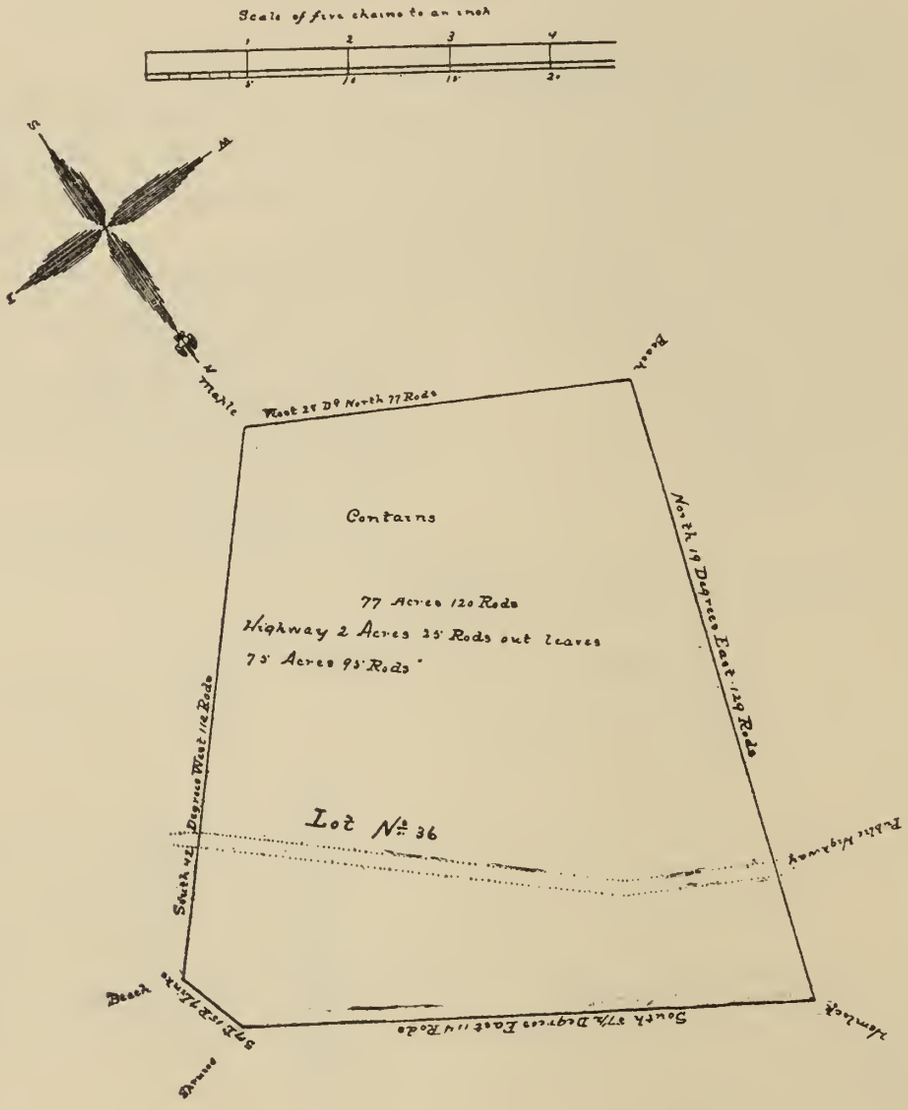
[*Lot 36 in Bradford*, 1816.]

Plan of lot N° 36 in Bradford Surveyed Jany 31st 1816 at the request of Capt Samuel Gunison of Fishersfield for M. H. Pierce of Portsmouth by George Presbury & Samuel Gunison as chainmen and

Stephen Hoyt Junr Sur^{vr}

Surveyors fees for 2 Days work is $4.00
Red, Payment by Saml Gunison Esqr

14 Ap. 1816 This day wrote Cap Gunnison to offer this lot to Abner Carr for $400—100 ann^{y} & Int fm date first note to be signed by some good man Jonathan Mussey (?) wants it



[*Plan of Bradford*, 1818.]

[*Memoranda about Lots in Bradford*, 1816.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 91.]

Lot N° 37. Peirce & Moore in Bradford sold by Joseph Peirce to Reubin Ray or Jon[a] Collins now owned by Edward Creesey

Oct 28, 1812 this day sold E Cresey half Thomlinson & Masons Lot N° 41 in Bradford for D[rs] 206.27

Cresey applies for Lot N° 44 Peirce & Moore, owned by M[r] Martin for a Man on it Who bot the Labour of others & has done a considerable work on it—William Goodwin informs that on this N° 44 30 or 40 Acres are clear'd by one Rich[d] Marshall who lives on N° 43—that the use of the Land is worth 30 D° ℔ year

John Barnes is the man that bot a Lot on which is a Barn

N° 28 T. Wallingford sold Stratten to be paid for by Abraham Smith N° 55 M H W— for J Fisher sold to

24 Oc[t] 1816 Sold to John & Sam[l] Jackman N° 19 Goshen part of the Strip of land formerly between Washington & Fishersfield and on this 2[d] Nov 1816 s[d] Samuel comes and says he bought a lot he did not intend to he wished to buy N° 15 in the same strip & I have agreed to exchange with him I have given a minute account accordingly—N° 19 appears to be a good Lot all growth Standing Beech & that

28 Dec. 1816 exchanged Lots with John & Sam[l] Jackman giving them up their mortgage of N° 19 & they giving me a quit claim thereof—& I gave them a deed of N° 15 for $500

[*Memoranda about Lots in Bradford*, 1822.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 91.]

M[r] pirce sur sence I Came home two yonger men Came to me to git the Lot East of fifele or Eaton Land a very Rugh Lot in Deed Lok on the plan you ma cee the Number and will give two hundred Dolars pay fifty Doun on your giving a Deed pleas to send By mr starns Back whether they may have the Lot or Noe in hast your humb servent

Bradford Edward W Cresey

Feby 6. 1822 Perkins Coolidge applies for Lot N° 76, Bradford supposed to be the lot mentioned within—Price $300

Feby 6, 1822 Sam[l] Ellenwood of Hillsboro says Crescey has sold Clyde N° 52—J P he says he paid Crescey $75 a year ago last March —that is March 1820.—that Clyde was to give $250.—

Thinks the Same M[c]Adams talked of—

[*Report of Lemuel Stratton on Certain Lots in Bradford*, 1830.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 92.]

Bradford March 12th 1830

Mr Peirce Sir I received a Line from you a few Days Sience you wishd Som Surveying Done I attended to it according to the best of my knowledg it was Some Difficult to know what was the origonal Survey in the South part of Bradford as the Lots on the plan of the town appear to be of Equal wedth yet they Differ from Eighty to one hundred & twenty the Corners at the North Ends of the three Lots were all Destroyed I have Surveyed Land in the South part of Bradford Frequently for thirty years past the Ninety four which Contains one hundred acres I Saw the North Corner then Standing plain & good in the year one thousand Eight hundred & fourteen & it Left the North End of 93 Verry Norrow I went to the Corner of 82 & run parolel with the East Line of the town & it brought the Corner Very Near wher it was in 1814. I Run the other 94 off in the Same manner a Considerable part of the Land is rough & mountainous I had to Measur a Crost other Lots to ascertain them that were wanted I Spent three Days on the Land myself with Chane men it is well known that Land is Cheaper now than it was Some years ago & it will be Difficult for me to Say what it is worth but I will give you Som Description of the Land—Number ninety five Contains 130 Acres a high Rocky mountain on Each End of the Lot principally hard wood where there is any timber 250 rods from a road I Do not know of any person Now that would give two hundred Dollars for the Lot all the Land is Very Rocky & Lies up high not fit for a Settlement the 94 which Contains 55 acres the north Corner is poor & Ledgy South west part is Low hemlock & Spruce timber the middle of the Lot is hard wood pritty good Land I Should think it might bring three Dollars per Acre it is more than one Mile to any road—the other 94 which Contains one hundred Acres Lies about one Mile from a Small Vilage in the Corner of Washington where there is a Saw mill & grist mill & a Small New Baptist Meetting hous but it is one Mile from any road there is a bog of about one hundred acrs between this Lot & the Vilage

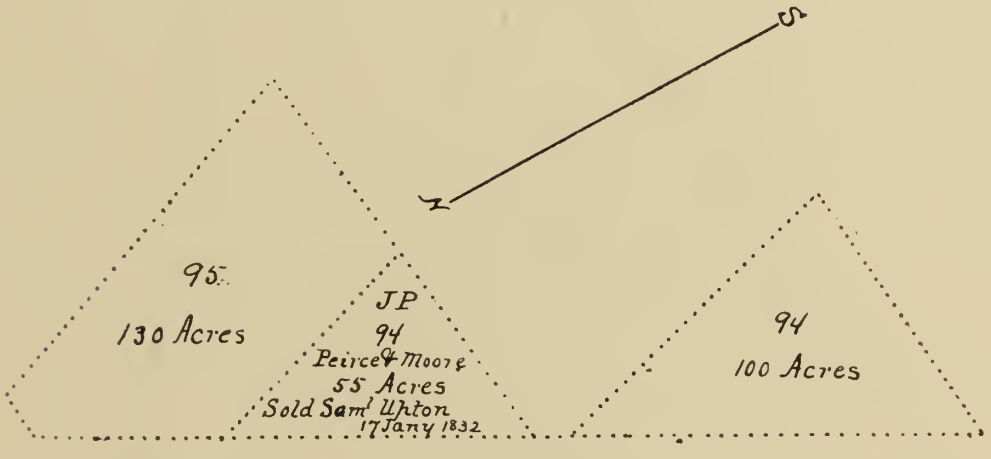
the South west Corner is on the East Side of the grate bog the East Line is on a Ledgy mountain about half of the Distance there is a Very handsome piece of hard wood Land in the middle of the Lot I Should think this Lot would be worth three Dollars per Acre there appears to have been three or four Ash trees carried of the winter past there has been 5 or 6 acres of trees fell on the South End Some years ago & not Cleared of Number 84 Lies partly on the bog the

North End has been burnt over Some years ago South End is hemlock & Spruce timber a few Acers has been Cleared on the East Side poor Lot not fit for a Settlement I Did not Discover any Late trespass on this Lot the pine timber appeared to have been Cut of twenty years ago I Should think the Lot to bee worth 2.50 per Acre

Bill for Surveying

Number 95	3.50
Number 94	3 50
Number 94	2 00
	$9 00

Sir I am your &c
Lemuel Stratton



Jan 17, 1831 Sam[l] Upton of Stoddard offers $3.50 for N° 94 1 R from Hillsboro 50 Acres T & M.—

[*Lot 94 in Bradford*, 1835.]

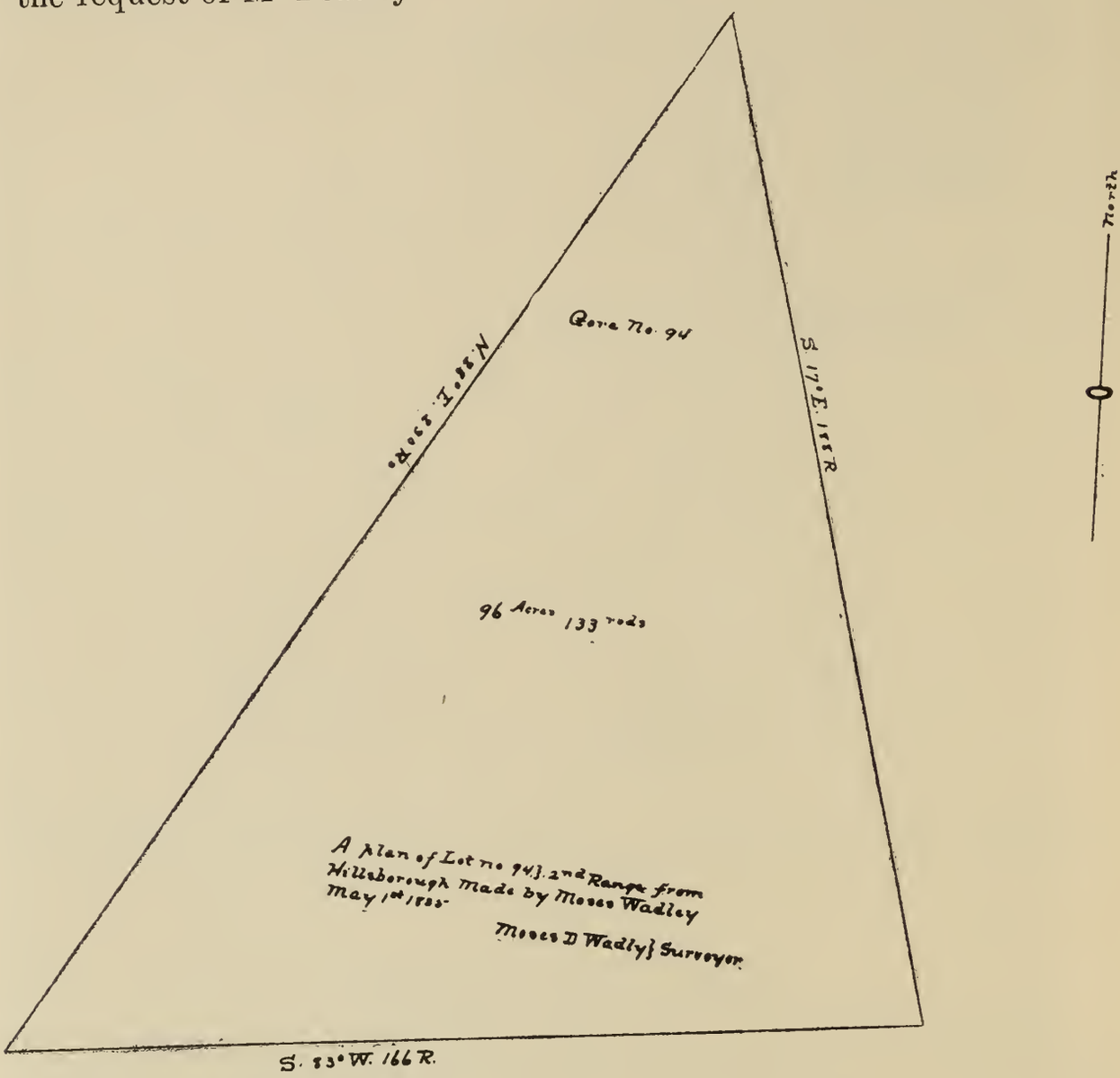
M[r] Peirc Sir I reciv'd yours of 23[r] April 1835 and have endeavor'd to attend to your request, according to the best information I Could obtain I Survey'd Lot N° 94 2nd Range from Hillsborough line and find from our Survey, that it measures ninety Six acres and 133 rods which I think must be very near the quantity of Land in contains by examing the quality Situation &C, we think it worth about three hundred and fifty dollars perhaps if they get a new road through that way it may be worth a Little more

I an Sir Resp[t] yours

Moses D Wadley } Surveyor

May 1st 1835

P. S. I have omitted Sending this Communication untill now by the request of Mr Peasley.



BROOKFIELD.

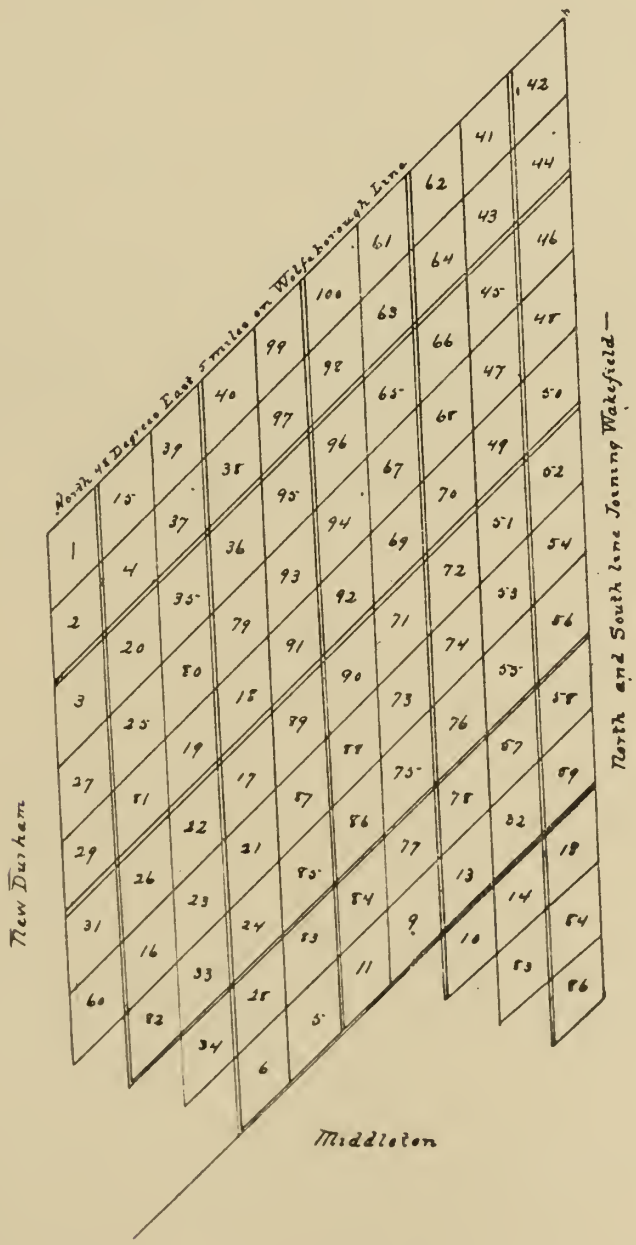
[Set off from Middleton and incorporated Dec. 30, 1794. These towns are a part of the territory included in the proposed grant of the township of Coulerain, 1726.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 127; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 594; Index to Laws, 70; sketch, by Dudley C. Coleman, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 450; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 600; papers under title Coulerain.]

[*Plan of Brookfield.*]

A Plan of Brookfield—

The lots are One hundred and seventy six rods north and south, and one hundred fifty six Rods North East and south west—The roads running North and South are four rods wide, and those running north East, and south west are two rods wide—



CANTERBURY.

[Granted May 20, 1727, to Richard Waldron and others, and then included the territory of Loudon and Northfield. Full town privileges were granted March 19, 1741. Named from an English town. An addition was made on the southwest side, June 13, 1765. Loudon was set off and incorporated January 23, 1773. Northfield was set off and incorporated June 19, 1780. A small tract was severed from Canterbury and annexed to Concord, June 2, 1784, and another to Loudon, Jan. 7, 1852.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 86; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 261; Index to Laws, 81; Sketches of History, by William Patrick, 4, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 174; Petition of Inhabitants, 4, *id.*, 253; Instances of Longevity, 1793–1823, 3, *id.*, 151; Historical Sermon, 1833 ,by William Patrick, 1834, pp. 39; Account of the Shakers, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 50; sketch, by J. N. McClintock, 4, Granite Monthly, 387; Birth, Marriages, and Deaths, *id.*, 391, 431, 507, and 5, *id.*, 163, 195; Letter to 4th Church in Hampton, 1756, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, vol. 27, p. 64; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 221; Shakerism Exposed, by Mary M. Dyer, pp. 32; 2d ed., 1855; Concise History of the United Society of Believers Called Shakers, by C. E. Robinson, 1893, pp. 134; A Compendious Narrative Elucidating the Character, Dispositions, and Conduct of Mary Dyer, etc., 1819, pp. 88; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 162; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 7, 9; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 360.]

[*Petition of Joseph Mann*, 1753.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 93.]

To the Proprietors of ye lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^{r} in New Hampshire Shew's—That your Petetioner hath Settled upon a parcel of land containing forty Acres for three years past, which forty Acres is Scituated in a Gore of Land between Canterbury & Bow, and which forty Acres I purchased of Coll^{o} Peter Gilman as a Lot in Canterbury Number fifty three, and gave him one hundred fifty pounds old Tennor for Said forty Acres, and have been improving upon Said forty Acres ever Since and have built a House thereon where my Family now dwells and being lately informed that Said forty Acres is without ye Bounds of Canterbury and properly ye Right of Said Proprietors—I humbly pray that ye Honb^{le} Prop^{rs} would not Sell or convey Said forty Acres to any other person, so that my Labour & Improvement be given to any another, as I am willing & Desirous to pay and allow you any reasonable and valueable Consideration for the Same, when you shall please to convey or confirm ye same forty Acres to me, and shall be alway ready to attend

you for to receive your proposal of a Consideration for me to make for ye same, and pray you will Spedily consider my Petition, your grant of which will ever oblige your humble Petitioner—

Portsm^o^ May 28th 1753— Joseph man

[*Canterbury Committee to Treat with Masonion Proprietors*, 1758.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 94.]

A Reagulor Meeting held at Canterbury on Munday ye: 17th of July 1758—

Voted Ensi^n^ John Moor Morderator for S^d^ Meeting—

Voted Thomas Clough a Committe Chosen to Agree With and Make up, and Satisfie the Lord proprietors of Masons Right, in the Name, and behalf, of the present inhabitence of Canterbury, from Sixteen years Old and upwards, for the goare of land laying between Canterbury and Rumford, and to Receive a quit Clame, first to each posesor according to what he is in possession of, and also to pay According to his posession Excepting them that poses home Lots in s^d^ gore, that wase Supposed to be in Canterbury and the Remainder to be acquited to the present inhabitence—they paying according theirunto—Capt Stephen Gerrish and kents Grants Excepted—

A true Coppy attest Archelaus Moor
Town Clerk—

[*Letter of Thomas Clough to Proprietors*, 1758.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 95.]

Canterbury 18th of July 1758.

Sir

Yesterday there was a Meeting held in this Town to See (Amongst other Things) whether or no the Inhabitants of S^d^ Town had a Mind to purchase the Gore of Land Lt Mason's of the Lords proprietors thereof Scituate between S^d^ Canterbury & Rumford als. Pennycook—And whereas at S^d^ Meeting it was agreed to purchase —And I was chosen to Transact S^d^ Affair for S^d^ Canterbury And Should have forthwith waited on S^d^ Lords proprietors But the Posture of our Affairs is Such at present that I cannot possibly come down (Our Hay Indian Corn & other things being almost Spoil'd for want of taking care of being Surprized almost every Day on acc^t^ of ye Indians and hardly dare Stir from one Garrison to another without a Large company together—But to proceed

[*Canterbury Committee to Treat with Masonian Proprietors*, 1764.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 97.]

At a meeting of the propriators of the Township of Canterbury held by an ajournment on the forth wendesday of may Instant Voted that Walter Briant Esqr Thomas Clough & lt Joseph Sias be a Committee to purches for the propriators of the Township of Canterbury of the purchesers of masons Clame the whole of there Right or as much as they Can agree for in the Goar of Lands between Canterbury and Rumford Line and petition the General Court to have the Same Innex^{d} to the Town of Canterbury

Canterbury may 24th 1764

A True Coppy Attest Thos Clough propri^{tors} Clerk

[*Memorandum of Canterbury Purchase*, 1764.]

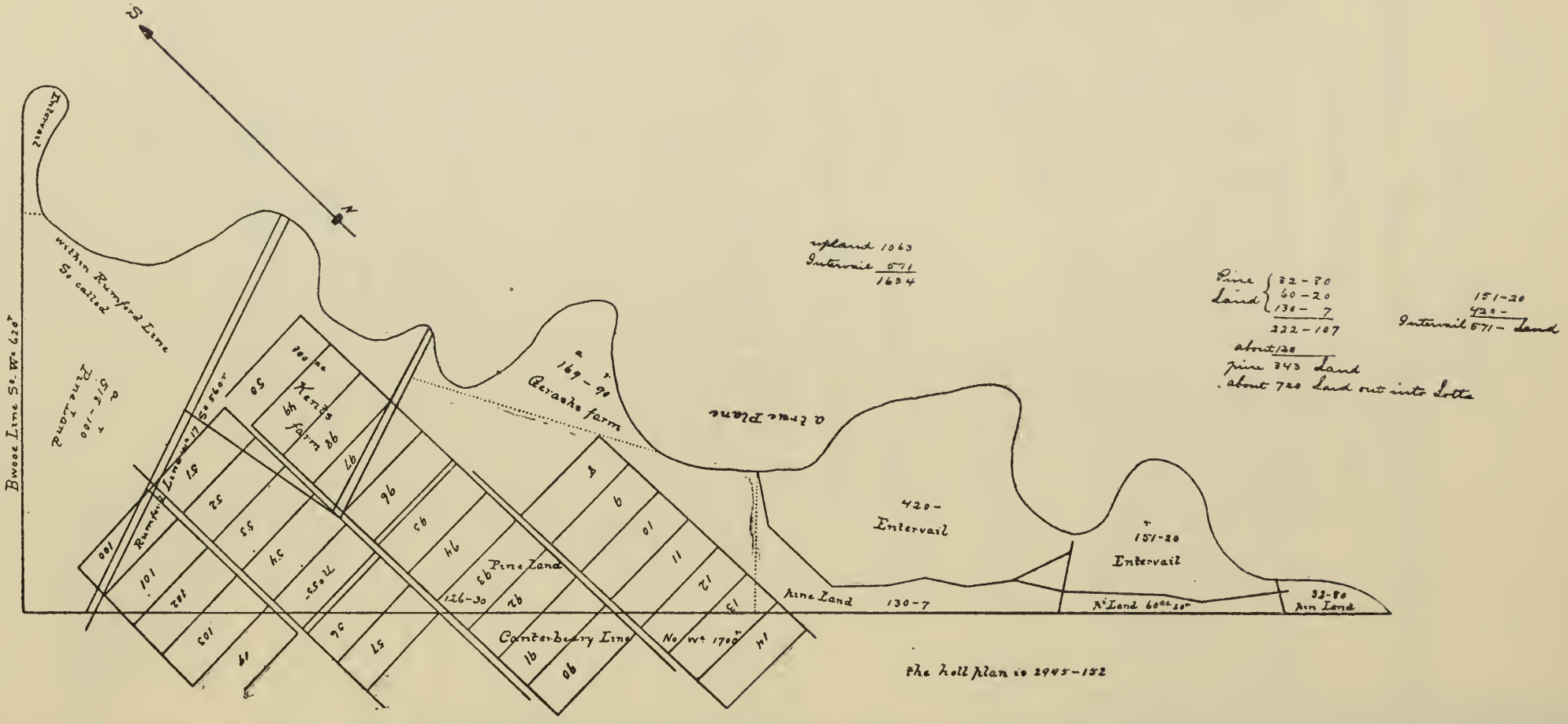
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 98.]

memorandum that on ye Last wednesday of this Instant november anno Domini 1764 we the Subscribers Walter Bryent of newmarket Joseph Sias of Durham & tho^{s} Clough of Canterbury all in newhampshire a Committee appointed to purchase of ye Purchasers of Capt John masons Claims in newhamp^{r} of one partie & Jeremiah Clough Esqr & Ezekial morrell Both of Canterbury aforeSaid & their associates of the other part witnesseth that the said Com^{ttee} Convey to Said Jeremiah & Ezekiel & their associates all the Intervail & upland in the gore (So Called) that Lays between Canterbury afore Said & meremac River and on the northwesterly Side of the forty acre Lotts Laid out by the Proprietors of Canterbury and on the north of Capt Gerish his Land viz all the Right & title to Said Premises which they Shall Purchase of Said purchesers of masons Claimes viz all that Right & title to Said Premises upon Said Jeremiah & Ezekiel Paying Said Com^{ttee} all that Sum of money which s^{d} Com^{ttee} is to Give Said Purchesers for the whole of the Gore between Rumford Line Canterbury Line & meremacc River with the Cost & Charges arrising in the Purchasing & Compleating y^{e} Same

A true Coppy ℔
Walter Bryent

Walter Bryent
Joseph Sias—
tho^{s} Clough
Ezekiel morrell
Jeremiah Clough

[*Plan of Canterbury Gore.*]



[*Bond for Purchase of Canterbury Gore*, 1764.]

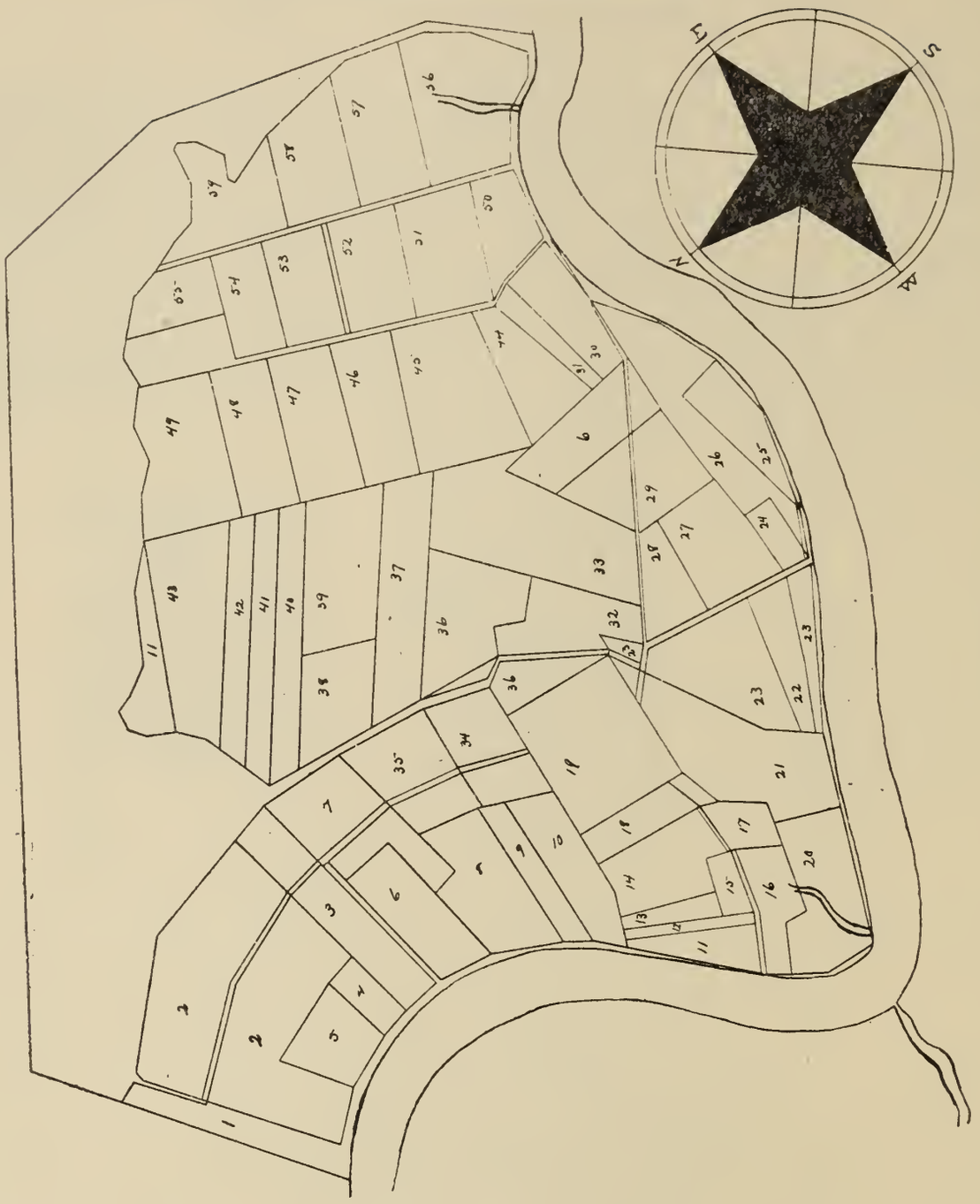
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 98.]

Canterbury Decr y^{e} 25th 1764 whereas a Committee of the Proprietors of the town of Canterbury have agreed with the Purchasers of mason's Right to give twenty Six hundred pounds old tenor for their Interest in a gore of Land between Canterbury & Rumford Line (So Called) now know ye that we the Subscribers upon Said Committee bringing us a Quit Claim Deed of mason's Right agreeable to an agreement we have heretofore made then we Promise to pay the Said Committee the above Sum of twenty Six hundred Pounds old tenor and all the Charges that hath or may arise in the Purching Said gore which purchases & Charges is to be paid in proportion to what Land we Possess In the Entervale in Said gore

Ezekiel morrall	Jeremiah Clough	tho^{s} Clough
W^{m} moors	Sam^{ll} moor	James Gipson
nat moor	John forrist	Sam^{ll} Ames
Richd Ellis	Ephraim Hacket	Henery Elkins
James Shephard	John Dolarf Junr	David morrell
John more	John Glines	Daniel Ames
Josiah miles	abner Clough	Arculas moor
William forrest Junr	Richd Ellis	Sam^{ll} Shephard
Joseph Simons	Josiah kentfeild	Asa foster

A true Coppy ℔ Walter Bryent

[*Canterbury Plan, No Date.*]

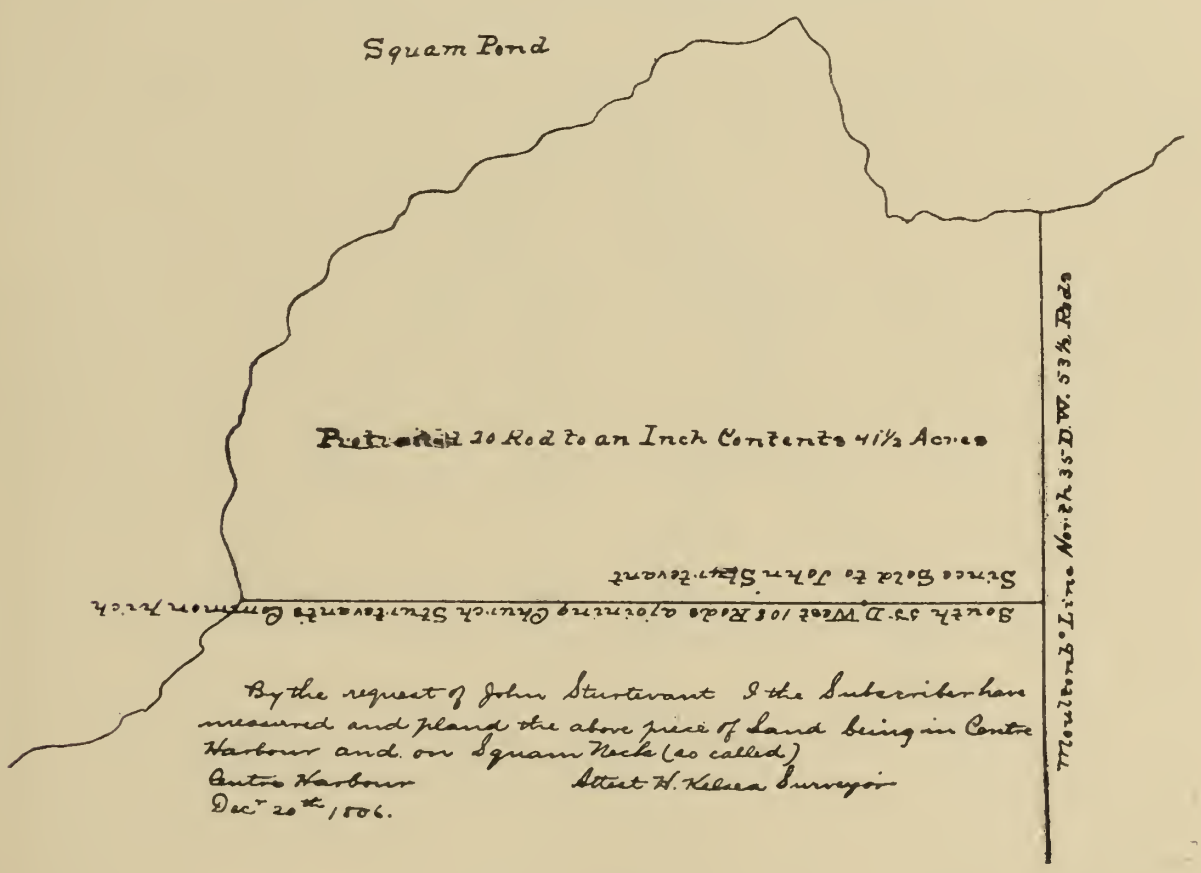


CENTRE HARBOR.

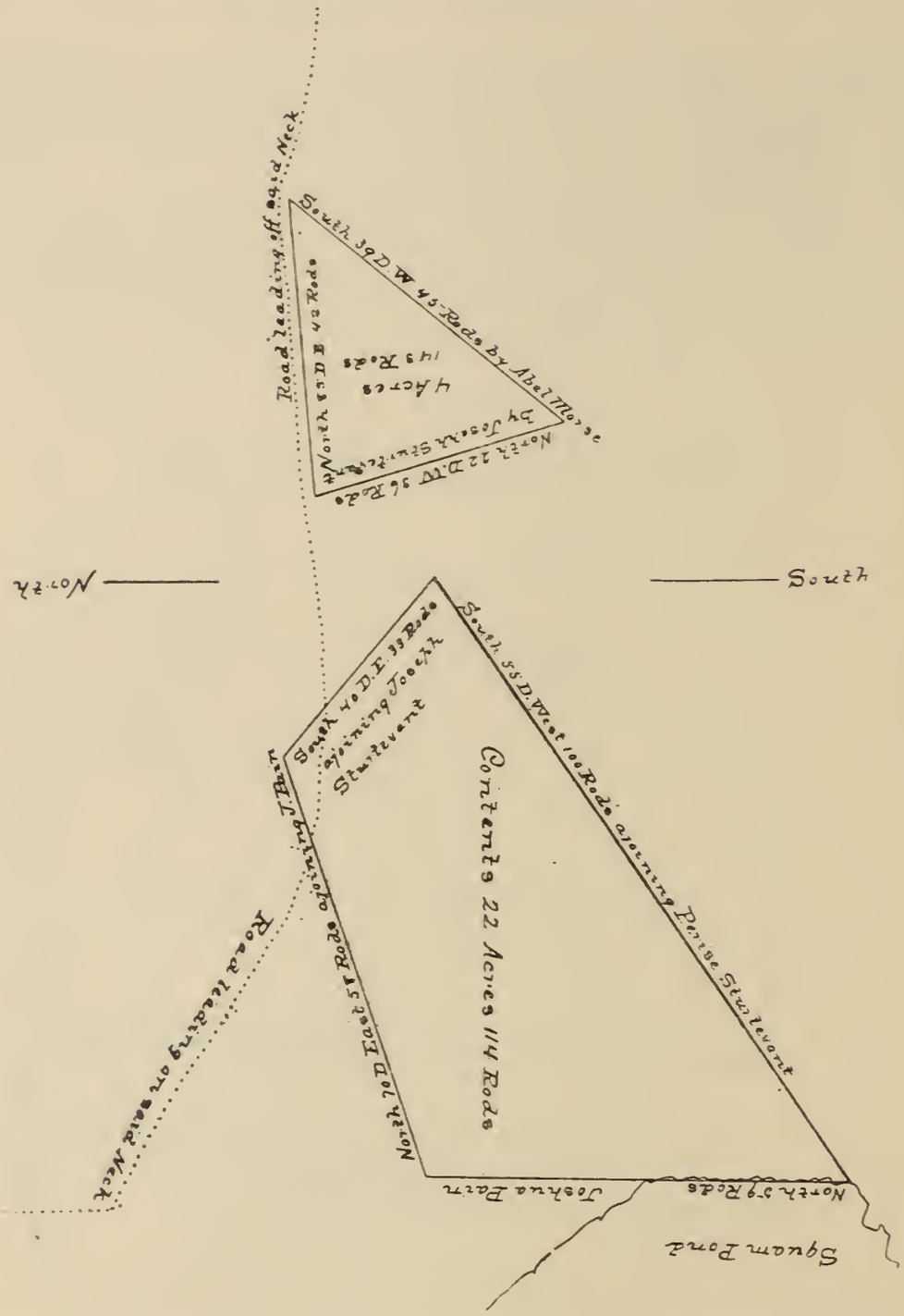
[Set off from New Hampton and incorporated Dec. 7, 1797. So called because it contained the middle one of three harbors, Moultonborough Harbor or Bay being on the east, and Meredith Harbor or Bay on the west. A part of Meredith was annexed to Centre Harbor July 3, 1873.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 276; Index to Laws, 86; sketch, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 725; article on name, by Isaac W. Hammond, 4, Granite Monthly, 189; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 486; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 8.]

[*Plan of Lot in Centre Harbor*, 1806.]



[*Plan of Two Lots in Centre Harbor*, 1807.]



By the request of Joseph Sturtevant I the Subscriber have measured and pland the above pieces of Land being in Centre Harbour and on Squam Neck (so called) Protracted 20 Rods to an inch—and ajoining as above by Common piches

Attest H. Kelsea Surveyor—

Dece^{r} 20th 1806
22—114
4. 143
26 257

In conjunction with Doc N A Haven this day conveyed the above land to J Sturtevant for 130 D^{s} in one Year
Jany 2 1807

CONCORD.

[This territory, known as *Penacook*, was granted by Massachusetts May 18, 1659, to Richard Waldron and others. Regranted by Massachusetts Jan. 17, 1725–6, to Ebenezer Eastman and others. Incorporated by Massachusetts as *Rumford*, Feb. 27, 1733–4. Incorporated by New Hampshire as Concord, June 7, 1765. The grant of Bow by New Hampshire, May 20, 1727, conflicted with this grant, and the dispute was decided by the king in favor of *Rumford*, Dec. 27, 1762. A gore of land was severed from Canterbury and Loudon and annexed to Concord, Jan. 2, 1784. Portions of Bow were annexed Dec. 13, 1804, and July 10, 1856. The State House was built in 1816 and remodeled in 1865. It was first occupied by the legislature in June, 1819. A city charter was granted July 6, 1849, but was not adopted until March 10, 1853.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 128; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 340; Index to Laws, 116; Historical Sketch, by J. B. Moore, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 153; Meteorological Tables, 1828–36, by J. Farmer, 5, *id.*, 261; Note on Penacook Indians, by same, 1, *id.*, 219; Penacook Papers, 3, *id.*, 212; History, by Nathaniel Bouton, 1856, pp. 786; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 57; The State House, by I. W. Hammond, *id.*, p. 406; Annals, by J. B. Moore, 1824, pp. 112; Diaries of Rev. Timothy Walker, ed. by J. B. Walker, 1889, pp. 80; History of Four Meeting Houses, by J. B. Walker, 1881, pp. 80; Historical Sketch of St. Paul's School, by H. A. Brown, 1885, pp. 27; Concord and Its Points of Interest, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, pp. 32; Dedication of Blossom Hill Cemetery, address by W. L. Foster, 1860, pp. 40; Dedication of Fowler Library Building, 1888, pp. 84; Bill of Mortality, 1798–1821, by Thomas Chadbourne, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 81; Biography of Isaac Hill, 1835; Pastors, Deacons, and Members of the First Congregational Church, by J. Farmer, 1830, pp. 21; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 363; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 6, 17; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 365, 372, 374, 375; Historical Manual of South Congregational Church, 1869; Year Books of same, 1889, 1891; discourse, semi-centennial of Salisbury Baptist Association, by E. E. Cummings, 1878, pp. 24; Manuals of First Congregational Church, 1871, 1888; historical sermons by Nathaniel Bouton as follows: in Commemoration of the Organizing of the First Church in 1730, 1830, pp. 102; at Twenty Fifth Anniversary of His Settlement over First Congregational Church, 1850, pp. 54; at Fiftieth Anniversary of Concord Female Chari-

table Society, 1862, pp. 40; Forty Years Ministry, 1865, pp. 40; Third Semi-Centennial of Concord, 1875; pp. 48. Historical address, by H. M. Cook, 1876, pp. 15; historical addresses at 150th anniversary of First Congregational Church, 1880, pp. 71; same, 4, Granite Monthly, 193; sermon, 40th anniversary of South Congregational Church, by S. L. Blake, 1877; First Baptist Church, by H. M. Cook, 5, Granite Monthly, 27; Semi-Centennial of Organization of Second Congregational (Unitarian) Church and Society, 1879, pp. 60; History of the First Congregational Church, by F. D. Ayer, 2, Granite Monthly, 261; History of First Congregational Sunday School, by J. C. Thorne, 4, *id.*, 313; History of Music in First Congregational Church, by W. G. Carter, 4, *id.*, 320; address in Congregational Church, Fisherville, by John Kimball, 1876, pp. 16; St. Paul's Church, 1818–44, Dawson's Historical Magazine, 2d series, vol. 7, p. 364; St, Paul's School, 10, Granite Monthly, 233; St. Paul's School, by H. Harrison, Perry's History of the American Episcopal Church, 1885, vol. 2, p. 547; sketch, by J. N. McClintock, 8, Granite Monthly, 263; Early History of Concord Press, by A. McFarland, 2, *id.*, 164; Old Red Mill, by W. Harriman, 5, *id.*, 120; The Rolfe-Rumford House, by F. M. Colby, 5, *id.*, 346; The Walker House, by same, 3, *id.*, 345; Banks and Bankers, 9, *id.*, 339; May Flowers, chapter from history of, 7, *id.*, 76; Penacook in 1741, 26, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 438; Historical Sketch of N. H. Asylum for Insane, 1886, pp. 39; Biographical Notices of Physicians, 2, N. H. Repository, 80, 135; Biography of Kancamagus, 13, Farmer's Monthly Visitor, 129; Biography of Passaconway, 12, *id.*, 33; Biography of Wonnalancet, 12, *id.*, 257; The Last of the Penacooks, 13, *id.*, 257; for further Indian history see Potter's History of Manchester; History of N. H. Convention for Investigation, Discussion, and Decision of the Federal Constitution, by J. B. Walker, 1888, pp. 128; Acts of the Anti-Slavery Apostles, by Parker Pillsbury, 1883, p. 156; An Exploit in King Philip's War, Hannah Duston, by C. R. Corning, 2, Proceedings of N. H. Historical Society, 122; The Bradley Massacre, by H. G. Sargent, *id.*, 152; Journal of March to Protect the Inhabitants against the Indians, 1746, 4, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 201; Petition of Inhabitants for Restoration of the Garrison, 1748, *id.*, 253.]

[*Petition of Adams, Smith, and Bryant.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 99.]

Prov^{e} of New Hamp^{r} } To the Honble the Purchasers & proprietors to masons Right

the Petition of Samuel Adams Benjamin Smith & Walter Bryent of newmarket & Durham humbly Shews that your petitioners are appointed agents for & on behalf of a number of ye freeholders & other Inhabatance of S^{d} town & parish who are Desirous of having a Certain Small tract or Gore of Land Bound as follows Begining at the north Corner of the town of Bow and to Run up Bounding on the town of Canturbury on the north East to marimack River & on merimack River on ye west Down Said River to Bow Line then Run-

ing north East ward Bounding on said Bow Line to the north Corner of Said town were it Began to be granted to us & our Constituants on Such Conditions & Limitations as shall be Best your & our Interest

Sam[ll] Adams
Benj[a] Smith
Walter Bryent

[*Andrew McMillan to Proprietors in Behalf of Concord*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 100.]

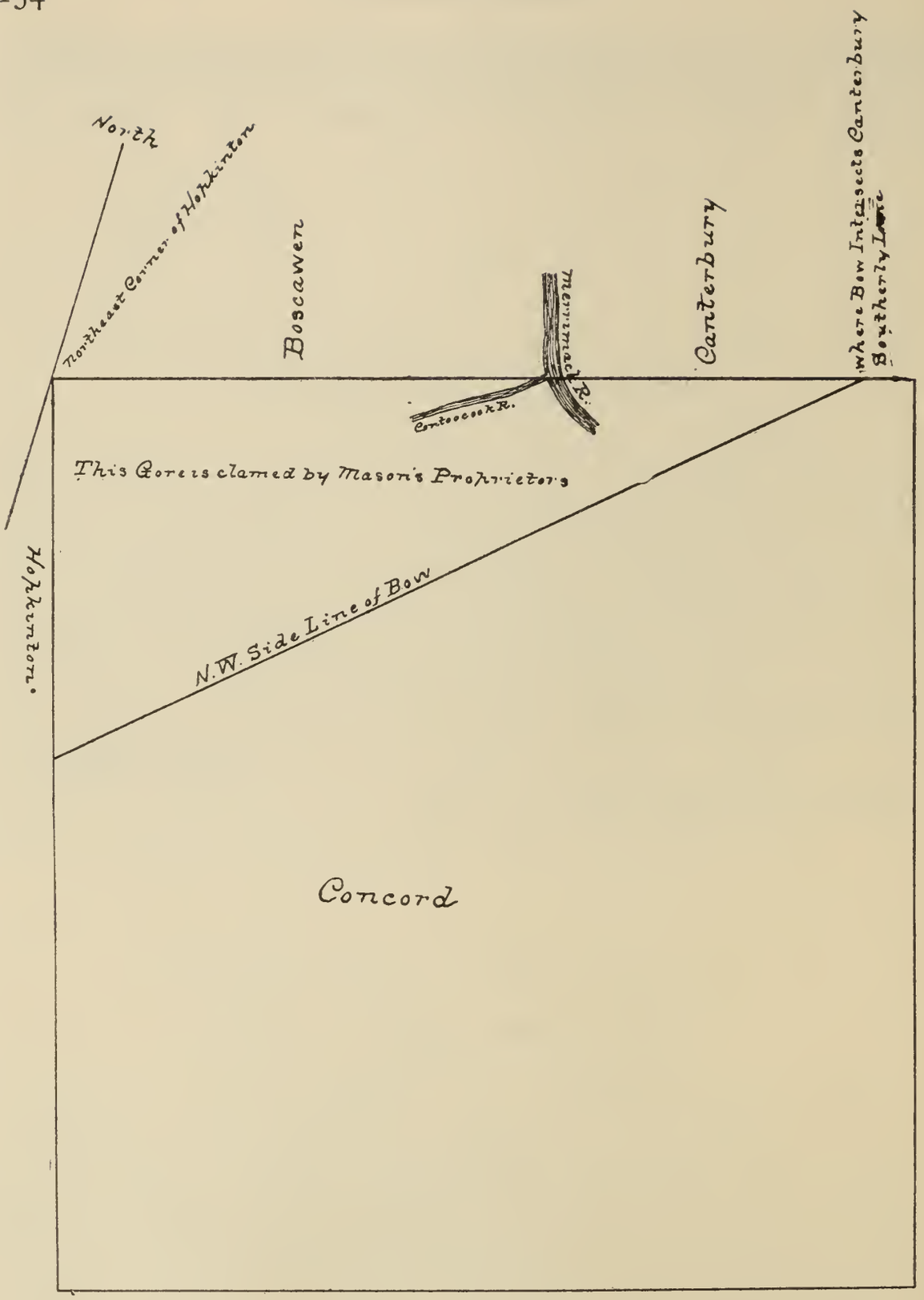
To the Moderator and Proprietors of land under the title of Jn[o] Tuftin Mason Esq[r]

Humbly sheweth that I the Subscriber am appointed by the proprietors and Inhabitants of Rumford now Concord. To wait on your honours in Order to know on what terms the proprietors and Inbit[ts] of S[d] Rumford or Concord can or may be quieted in the possesion of a Gore of land which lays within the Claim of S[d] Rumford or Concord as may appear by the plan annexed—

Gentlemen your answer to the above as Soon as possible will greatly oblidge y[r] hu[ble] Ser[t]

And[w] m[c]Millan

Portsm[o] 23[d] August 1770



This Plan is laid by a Scale of one Mile to an Inch

[*Vote of Inhabitants of Concord*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 101.]

Province of New Hampshire } At a meeting of the Proprietors & Freeholders of the Township of Rumford, now Concord, on Monday the 26th Day of November A D 1770 to Receive the Report of their Committee lately chosen to attempt an agreement with the Proprietors of Bow &c—

Voted 1. That Andrew Mcmillan Esqr be Moderator

2. That Timo Walker Junr be Clerk to enter the Proceedings of this Meeting (the stated Clerk not being able to attend)

The Committee having reported that the major Part of the Claimers of the Hundred Acre Lots that lie within our Town have signed that they will quit their Right to the same for Ten Pounds Lawful money per Lot, and are also encouraged that if we pay the sd several Sums to the sd Claimers, that the Proprietors of Bow will quit to the Proprietors of Rumford the remainder of their Township which lies within Rumford Grant, Except some Forty Acre Lots to the East of Sowcook River, also 162 acres of Land to be reserved to the Proprietors of Bow—

The Committee having also reported, that the Claimers under John Tufton Mason Esqr had agreed to quit the Remainder of the Township of Rumford for Sixty Pounds Lawful Money—

3. That We will pay the sd Ten Pounds pr Lot to each claimer as aforesaid, provided the remaining Claimers of sd Lots will comply with the same Terms, and allow a reasonable Time to collect sd Money in.—

4. That we will pay the Proprietors claiming under sd Mason the sd Sixty Pounds Lawful Money for what they claim of the Township of Rumford—

5. That our Committee be desired to present a Copy of the above Votes to the Proprietors of Bow, also to the Claimers under Mason and request an answer to the same as soon as possible

A true Copy of the Proceedings of the above Meeting.

Attest Timo Walker Jr Proprietors Clerk

[*Agreement of Masonian Committee in Regard to Concord Purchase*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 102.]

Province of New Hampshire } We the Subscribers being Appointed a Committe of the Proprietors of Masons Paten to hear the Proposals of the Committe of Rumford now Concord as their is

a Quantity of Land in the said Town of Rumford that Falls within the said Paten Line and the Proprietors and Freeholders of said Rumford at a Meeting, held in said Rumford now Concord Novr 26. 1770 Voted to give the Proprietors of Masons Paten Sixty Pounds Lawful money for what the said Proprietors Claim of the Township of Rumford, and We the Committe of the Proprietors of Masons Paten do now Agree with the Committe of Rumford to take the said Sum of Sixty Pounds Lawful money, they to give Good Security for said Sum to be paid within Twelve months from the Date hereof, and upon giving the said Security the Committe Aforesaid Engages to give to said Proprietors of Rumford a Quit Claim Deed of the said Tract of Land Aforesaid

Portsmouth December 13th 1770

Daniel Rogers
John Penhallow
Peter Pearse
} Committe of the Proprietors of Masons Paten—

[*Quitclaim of a Gore of Land to Concord*, 1771.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Oct. 3, 1771.]

Province of New Hampsh^{r} } Portsmouth October 3^{d} 1771 Thursday three of the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^{r} Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas the Proprietors and Freeholders of a place called Rumford now Concord, have made Application to the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr in New Hampshire, for a Purchase of a quit claim of their right to a Gore or tract of Land which was included in said Rumford, upon which application the Consideration whereof was referred to a Committee to treat with Andrew MacMillan Esqr and others a Committee of the Proprietors & Inhabitants of Rumford or Concord about a Conveyance, and the Terms thereof in behalf of this Propriete, for a Gore, or tract of Land referred to in said McMillan's Petition, & to report thereon as Soon as may be, the said Committee have made a report thereon vizt that they had agreed with the Committee of said Rumford to take the sum of Sixty Pounds lawfull money, the Proprietors of Rumford giving good Security for the said Sum, to be paid within twelve Months from the 13th day of December 1770, and upon such Security being given, engage to be given to the said Proprietors of Rumford a quit claim of the tract of Land aforesaid, from the said Purchasers

& Proprietors of Masons Grant. In Consequence of the report of said Committee and upon Consideration of said Security given for said Sum of sixty Pounds lawfull or Proclamation Money, be it—

Therefore Voted and hereby Granted unto the Proprietors & Freeholders of a place called Rumford now Concord, all the right, Title, Interest, & Claim of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr in new Hampshire of, in & to the said tract or Gore of Land, bounded as follow's namely, begin'ing where the north west side Line of Bow intersect's the easterly side Line of Hopkington, thence north east on the north west side Line of Bow, till it intersect's the southerly side Line of Canterbury, thence on the southerly side Lines of Canterbury & Boscawen till it come's to the north east, corner of Hopkington, thence on the easterly side Line of Hopkington to the bounds first mentioned.

CONWAY.

[Originally known as *Pigwacket* or *Pequawket*. Granted as Conway Oct. 1, 1765, to Daniel Foster and others. Grants to Lieuts. Hugh Sterling, Samuel Stark, and Archibald Stark were annexed June 14, 1800. The farms of Jonathan Hardy and Edward Shirley were severed from Conway and annexed to Chatham, June 26, 1823.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 141; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 409; Index to Laws, 125; sketch, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 815; History of the White Mountains, by Lucy Crawford, 1845, chap. X; History of North Conway, by B. D. Eastman, 1880, in files of *The Idler*; Willey's History of the White Mountains, 1870, chap. XIII; The White Hills, by T. Starr King, 1859, p. 149; The Intervale, by Winfield S. Nevins, 1887, pp. 60; The March of Capt. Samuel Willard, by C. E. Fay, 2, Appalachia, 336; Stevens's Memorials of Methodism, 2d series, 1852, p. 334: Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 12; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 582; grants to Hugh Sterling, Archibald Stark, and Samuel Stark, with Madison papers; The White Mountains, A Guide to Their Interpretation, by Julius H. Ward, 1890, p. 26; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 39.]

[*Henry Young Brown to Proprietors*, 1768.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 103.]

Pigwackit Sep^{t} 1st 1768

Hon^{d} Sr Capt Fletcher hath Extended your Claim to Saco River in one place and Includes a Considerable part of a Township I purchased of the province of ye massachusitts Gov^{rmt} where I was Set-

tled before their was any Suspishon of a dispute about it therefore desire I may have the first Refusal of your Interest in my Town as Laid out under the Title of ye Mass^a^ if it pleases God to Spair my Life and Restore my helth I shall be at portsmouth ye 19th Ins^t^ your Interest in my behalf will Lay me under obligations to acknowledg ye favour for disputes are disagreeable to me

I am Sr Your Honours Most obedi^t^ Humble Servant

Henry young Brown

P S I must Inform you that the Lands was Granted to people under new hampshire Since I was Settled on them and many other families which I Settled

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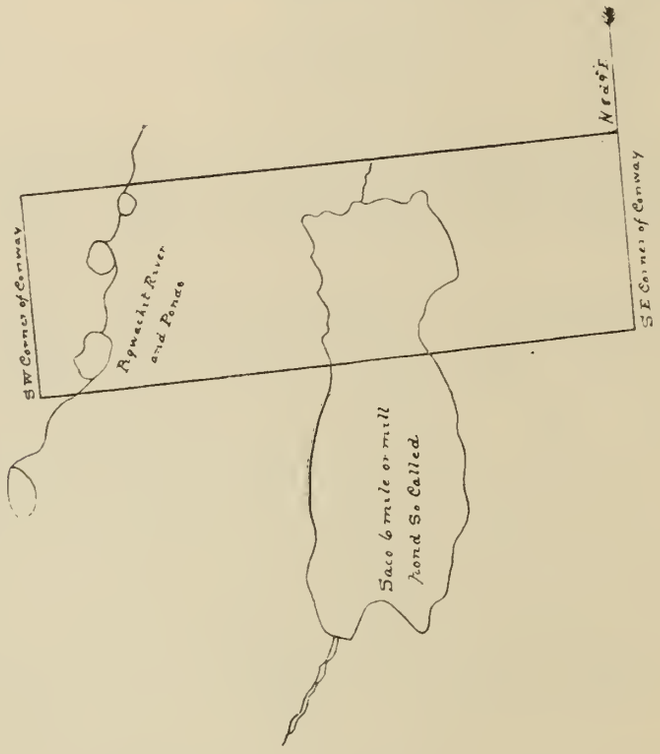
[*Plan of Masonian Land in Conway.*]



To begin at the S E Corner of Conway as run out by walter Bryent Junr 1765 on the province line Thence N 8 d^gs^ E by the nedle 2 miles to the northermost Extent of masons Claim Thence westerly by Masons head line 6 miles to the west Side line of Conway as formerly run out thence S 8 d^gs^ W about 2 miles to the S W Cornor of S^d^ Conway thence by S^d^ Conway line 6 miles to the first bound Containing all the lands in Conway Claim^d^ by the propriators of masons right

p^r^ Henry Y Brown

[*Daniel Foster's Request*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 104.]

To Walter Bryent J^{r} Esqr

As you are agent for Conway should be Glad you would Petition the Prop^{rts} of Mason Patent to Confirm to the Proprietors of Conway what Lands within Conway Lines have fallen within said Patent by A Line Lately Run for the Northerly & Westerly Line of said Patent

Feby 25 1769.—

Daniel Foster

[*Henry Young Brown to Proprietors*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 105.]

Portsmouth Sep^{t} 1st 1769

Gentlemen as there is part of the Lands I purchesed of the province of the massachusitts bay which falls within your Claim I Should be glad of the favour to have Some part of the Land of you upon Some Conditions which may be thought reasonable which will oblige your most obediant Humble Servant

Henry Young Brown

To the Gentlemen Interasted in Masons proprioty

[*Appointment and Petition of Conway Committee*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 106.]

At a Legal Meeting of the Proprietors of Conway held on ye 30th Day of March 1773—Henry–Y Brown David Page Richard Eastman Thos Merrill Esqr and Eben^{r} Burbank. Be a Committe to Settle with the Prop^{rs} of Masons right for their claim in Said Town with full Power to Substitute any one of s^{d} Committe to Transact the affair under Such restrictions as they Shall think proper for them

April 1st 1773

A true Copy attest Thos Merrill Prop^{r} Ck

To the proprietors of the right of John=Tufton Mason Esqr We the Subscribers a Committe of the Proprietors of Conway in the Province New Hampshire April 1st 1773 Humbly Sheweth

That Conway was Granted in the year 1765 by the Geovenor and Council that they Have been at great Expence in making roads and Settling Said Town as it is remote from the other Settlements in the

Province that they have been Obliged to Dispute the Province line which was no Small Expence to them that it was not known when the Town was Granted that it Interfeared with your rights as it now appears that part of Conway lays within your Claim—and as what they have done is an Advantage to your land below us. We therefore pray you would. Take our affair under your Consideration and make a Grant to the Proprietors of Conway of your Right which is within Said Township

and as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray

Henry Young Brown
Richard Eastman
Thomas Merrill
David Page
Ebenezer Burbank

[*Henry Young Brown to Proprietors in Behalf of Conway*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 107.]

Conway April 3^{d} 1773

Gentlemen of the proprietors of Masons Right } I am Substituted by the Committee for Conway to Transact the affair for them with your proprioty Your Claim is near Two miles on Conway Six miles Wide according to a Plan herewith Exhibited Containing 7346 acres. To my Sorrow there is but little good land there is the Contents of one mile Squair Pond and double that Quantity Spruce Swamp of but little value and a larg proportion of other wast land Broken Pich Pine &c though necessary to accomidate the Settlement of the Town—the propriotors once Chose a Committee to Settle with you who were not wiling to acknowledg your right they have now Chose another as you will See by the Inclosd Vote. who have petition you for a Grant which is also Inclos^{d} and as I am Substituted agreeable to the order of the propriotors to Transact the affair Should be glad you would Take our Petition into Consideration as Soon as you Can Conveniently for we want to lay out a division of land in the Town and a delay to have the matter Settled will have a Tendency to delay the Settlement of the Town on which the advancement of the Settlement of this part of the Country much depends (as it will be a resource for the Towns near it) and of Cource your Interest and that of the Publick^{s} from these and other weighty reasons I am Induced to believe you will answer the prayer of our Petition without delay and make us a grant of the land according to the plan Inclos^{d} if the Propriotors Should think proper to reserve a Small acknowledg-

ment I would humbly Propos it minght not Exceed five Hundred acres and that to lay on the south line of the Town as it will Joyne your other lands and Least discommode the Settlements

Gentlemen I am in the name and behalf of s^{d} Conway your most obedient Humble Servant

Henry Young Brown

[*Terms of Masonian Proprietors for Quit-Claim of Conway*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 108.]

1773 June 9th Capt Henry Young Brown appearing in behalf of the Prop^{rs} the Grantees of ye Township Conway at ye the meeting of ye Prop^{rs} of Mason's Grant when and where it was conceeded by the Prop^{rs} on Sundry peculier Considerations that they would accept of fifteen hundred Acres in the Township of Conway for a Quit Claim of the land in y^{t} Township within Mason's Grant to be laid out within and bounding on the South line of Conway into fifteen one hundred Acre lotts to be measured marked out & numbered from one to fifteen within Six months from this date at the Expence of ye grantees of Conway and a plan thereof to be returned to this Propriety and that the owners of the Said fifteen hundred Acres Shall not be Subjected to any Expence of the Township of Conway for publick buildings clearing of Roads or any other Charge of ye Township of Conway &c till the Lot of any or each of this Propriete shall be improved or Sold by them

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[*Memoranda Relating to Different Towns*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 108.]

October 4th 1773— mem^{o} of Sundries who desire to settle on ye Lots on new Road to Conway vizt

John Foy Junr
Step^{n} Drew
Jonathan Swain
Step^{n} Foy
Reuben Tuttle
Jacob Sccagel Junr

October 6th 1773

determined that ye tract of land ungranted, described on ye other Side be Surveyed this Fall, and that Minot's and Atkinson's acco^{ts} of law Suit v^{s} Alexandria, before the grant of ye ungranted Lots in Alexandria—

McAllisters Petition in N° 2—under ye present apprehension of ye Circumstances relative to that right it does not appear ye Proprietors

can grant it—but ye Circumstance of ye forfeited rights in that town to be enquired into—

to enquire of Capt Allen respecting ye Cost of the Bridge built by Sccagel over ossipe river and ye Com^tee^ to Settle ye affair with Sccagel and to make what allow^ce^ to Scagel may appear reasonable & just—

The Com^tee^ to confirm ye agreement with ye 10 Settlers on 10 Lots in Bradford-Town if they agree to accept them as agreed—and that ye whole tract of land of Bradford-Town be laid out and allotted as ye Com^tee^ shall think best

That ye Clerk is desired to write to Coll^o^ Badger & Com^tee^ of Gilman Town to have ye dispute between Said town & ye Gore adjusted

(oct^r^ 9th 1773 wrote to Coll^o^ Badger)

That ye ten Settlers on ye road from Wolfborough to Leavets Town be determined as Soon as may be and that ye Com^tee^ be desired to put on Setlers between Osipe and Conway to ye number of 10 or 12—

That ye Com^tee^ employ a Surveyor to run out Limerick according to ye grant &^ca^—

That the Comittee be desired to have all the land ungranted between Wolfborough Tuftonboro Moultonborough Sandwich ye Curve line Conway ye Provence Line & Leavits Town to East Town & Middleton Surveyed & lotted & Plan thereof Returned—

That the Strip of Land between Peterbourough & L Lyndborough be annexed to the Proprietors reservation in Peterborough So as to accomadate each Prop^rs^ share

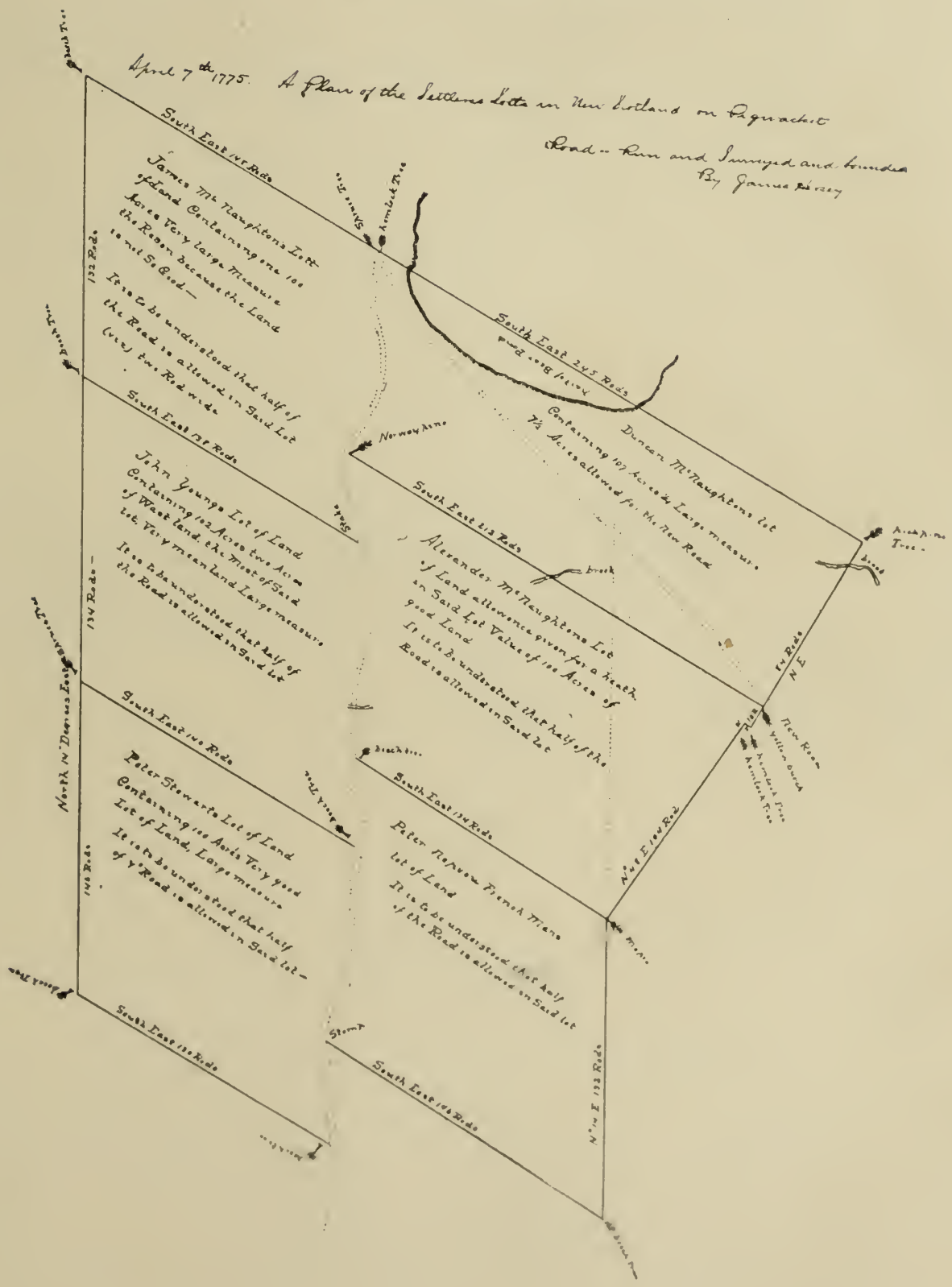
October 27th 1773 determined by ye Com^tee^ that Coll^o^ Rust be employed to have ye road to Conway cleared of Windfalls that m^r^ Jaffrey is desired to write to Doct^r^ Thompson & Hub^s^ Neel to come down to engage in Survey^g^ &c

Novr 4th 1773 That m^r^ Jaffrey be desired to write to Coll^o^ Rust to have ye Windfalls well cleared in the road to Ossipee Bridge as Soon as may be on ye Prop^rs^ Acco^t^ and inform ye Prop^rs^ what lots on the road are improved and what ye Improvements are

wrote Novr 5th

A Peice of Land adjoyning Alexandria and New Chester Running from thence toward Concord in the County of Rockingham & adjoyning the ye Township of New Britton Solsbery & on toward s^d^ Concord and the oather Side the adition to alexandria Paries Town Almsberry &c Suposed to be in Some Places a mile in weadth oather Places More & in Some Places Less Supposed to be about fifteen Miles in Length Taking the Chief or all Kiarsarge Mountain

[*Plan of Land of Scotch Settlers*, 1775.]



[*Henry Weed to Proprietors*, 1777.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 109.]

Gentlemen

I Came down to see you Pursuant to our Agreement, of the Coraway, Settlement, but you Attended not and I Cannot Stay until you Can Meet. Therefore I Leave this Information Namely—that the forementioned Land will Serve for a Settlement—and People Seem Forward for Settlements—But Yet their Seems Sumthing threatning, from Eaton and Burton, on which Land the Coroway Settlement must be and I shall Expect you to Defend and Secure our Settlement Peaceably unto us from the Proprietors of Said Eaton and Burton During the Time of our Settlements Should be Glad If you Wou'd Send me a Letta by Capt Dudley, and Appoint the Time when you will Attend the Business, and I will Come down If you think Proper—

Portsm^{o} June 27th 1777—

To Hon^{l} Daniel Rogers Esqr } Comittee of the } ——
John Pierce— } Masonian Proprietors }
John Penhallow }

I am Gentlemen Your Hum^{l} Servant—

Henry Weed

[*Thomas Chadbourne to Proprietors*, 1779.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 110.]

Conway Feby 4th 1779

Sir As you gave me Sum Directions concerning y^{r} Land on the Road from osipa to Conway I think it not amiss to give You this hint that it is intended by a number of people to take possession of great part of that Land near Conway next spring if you Should have any Directions to me on that business I shall be Down in march next when I will Receive them—

from yors to Serve—

Thomas Chadbourn

To Mr John Peirce }
Portsmo— }

[*Thomas Chadbourne to Proprietors*, 1779.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 110.]

Conway Octo^{r} 28th 1779

Sir an answer to yours the Selectmen of Conway have not Demanded any Tax of the masons Proprietors Since I Saw you—after I

Come home and in april wee made our Taxes I then Proposed to the Selectmen being one my Selfe to make a plan & Returne as proposed Their answer was that it was quite uncertain where you the proprietors had any Right in Conway however I proceeded and made a Tax as usual and Directed the Collector not to Call on you untell further orders—the Reason for this is that all the Land from Conway eight miles South is Claimed by other proprietors who have Taken Possession and are makeing greate Improvement and Transfereing the property to others by warranty Deeds for valuable Consideration and all this without any notice from the proprietors of mason however I think I shall prevale and Send you a plan as I promised them in answer to yours—and for your Information I the other Day went through y^{r} Land from Conway to osipee I found there was not one Single Right on the Road from Conway line to the Eight mile tre worth haveing but what was taken up and very Considerable Improvement made on maney of them a number of families on and more Comeing and all the Land toward the province Line is also taken by those who have grants Lying there—as your Committe Gave me Sum Directions about Settleing Sum of those lots my Settlers are in Great fear of their title and Sum have actualy taken other Deed under the Bryants and others they being on the Spot tel them fine Storyes—I was thinking for the benefite of my Settlers that as the Road from Wolfsborough to Cohos is to be made good by act of General Court the Land Sold for the Same if not Paid by the proprietors you will be at Great Cost on osipa bridge and if the Comittee appointed by General Court were to Sel a few of those Rights Clamed by those persons it might bring matters Right that way—I am Sir your obliged Humble Servant—

Thomas Chadbourn—

To the Hon^{l} George Jeffrey Esqr

[*John Heath to Proprietors*, 1779.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 111.]

Conway November ye 27th 1779

To the Committee of the Masonian Proprietors.

Gentlemen, I have not carried out the Price of the Days Work for the Reason that money is depreciated since my Agreement with you, I leave it to your Consideration to make such Allowance as you shall think Just & reasonable. I propose to wait on you about the 8th or 10th of December next. I am, Gentlemen, your very obedient humble Sr^{t}

John Heath

[*Thomas Chadbourne to Proprietors*, 1780.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 112.]

Conway March 18th 1780

Sir agreeable to my promise I have ben to our Proprietors Records in order to Give you from thence the Proceeding of the Proprietors Relative to the 1500 acres of Land in Conway which was laid out and assignd for masons Proprietors—but Cannot find anything that will answer your Purpose where it is the Proprietors Clerks fault or the Committee appointed to Settle with you I Cannot tell—all I Can find is the vote of the proprietors Impowering Certain persons as a Committee and their Petition at large to masons Propr^s^ for Settlement and allso 1500 acres of Land Laying in a Range on the South line of Conway N^od^ from 1 to 15 Recorded Which he the Proprietors Clerk Saith is your Land altho he agrees with me that no mortal can find out any thing by any Records what was Don about the afair—it appeais that Capt Brown was premoted in the Committee and has Power to finish the afair which I Pray you will look to him for and I make no Doubt but he Can Set all things Right—the 1500 acres as above is what you are taxed for and is accounted by us the Seletmen of Conway as the Property of masons Proprietors—

I am Sir your most Humble Servant

Thomas Chadbourn—

To George Jeffrey Esqr

[*Hugh Sterling to Proprietors*, 1781.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 113.]

Conway July ye 28th 1781

Sr Althow I am un Equented With you Nesesety oblidges me to truble you with these foue Lins &C I had a Location Granted me by the King of Grate Breton Sume years agoo and haveing it Lade out by Mr Brinett I moved to this place With a Vew to Settel but Shortly after The Gentlemen propriorters of Meson patent Sente Mr flatcher to Roun the Line over agein and So tock my Location from me Whare upon I Sente a poticion to you Gentelmen propriortors and Sente a Leater to my Kensman with my potiction to Cap^tn^ John Cochran then Cap^tn^ of fort William Marey Deseiring him to profare my potacition to your Hounrs Which accordingly he Did and he

Wrote me for an answor That you freely equetd me and that you had Entered it upon your Records that I Was a Queted I ther upon Wos Esey but Since you have Sente a Survear and has Laid out my Land into Houndred Acres Lots and is Granting it to Whome So Ever Asks it of you I pray Sr of you and Liekwise of all the Gentelmen proprierters that you Wold Conseder me as I am the one and the only one that has Ever Moved a femely So fear Into the Welderness to Setel upon ye patons that you Wold be plesed to Grante me my Lande and as I have Deeded five Houndred acers to General John Starks and two Houndred to Mr James M^c^harde of Heaverhill if thy Should Come Back upon ther Deeds it wold undo me Sr if you Will be plesed to In Quire at the Bearer Colonel David page Esqr he Will Inform you of the Whol pertickulors I Should have Been upon the premeses befor this time but I meeting With Grate Loses by Death In my famely I had one Son Drownded the Spring this War Brock out and a Neather Son Listed and Wente to Canada and ther Died So I was Destetute of healp and I being En old man Made it Verey Deficteult for me to goo to the Wilderness to Leve Independente of my Salf but I am propering to goo With two Son In Laws as Soun as posible if you Will Grante me my Lande your Complince with my Request will oblidge Sr your Most obedent and Verey houmble Sarvente

Hugh Sterling

N B pray Sr Leat me have a Line by the Barer Colonel page I am as above

William Whepel Esqr

[*Proprietors' Reservations in Conway*, 1782.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, July 24, 1782, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 114.]

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth July 24th 1782 Wednesday three of the Clock afternoon at the House of Mr John Penhallow partly improved as a Store—the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

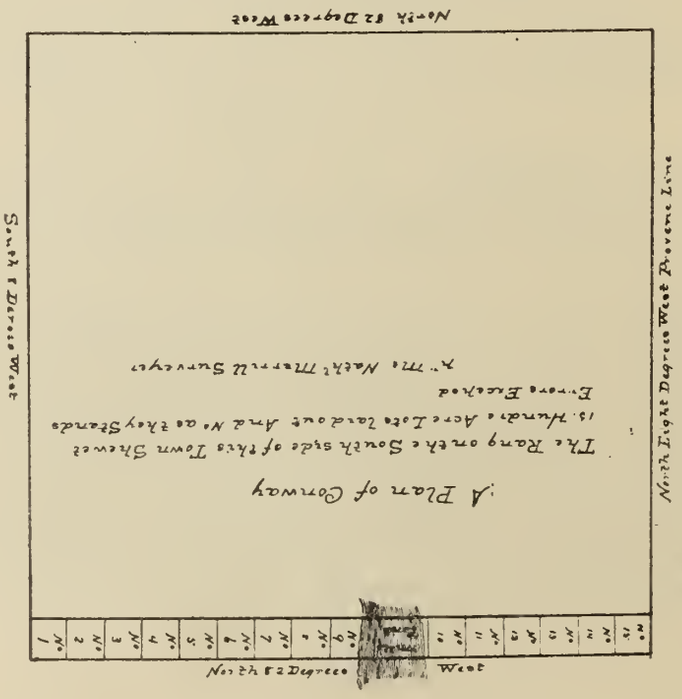
Whereas Capt Joshua Heath of Conway presented to the Proprietors a Plan of the Town of Conway taken by Nathaniel Merrill Surveyor with a Reservation of fifteen hundred Acres of land to Said Proprietors, laid down in Said Plan, on the South Side of Said Town containing one hundred Acres in each lot Marked and numbered from one to fifteen, the numbers beginning at the westerly Side of Said Reservation—The Proprietors being desirous of making a Severance of Said Reservation—Therefore Voted that a Severance be

now made of Said Reservation agreeable to Said Plan—by a draft of the Lots agreable to the numbers as therein Marked a[nd] laid down—and that the Lots now drawn to each of the fifteen original Proprietors Rights or Shares, Shall be a Severance of Said Reservation to each of said Proprietors Right or Share therein, as drawn, and entered, to each of them; To have and to hold the Same in Severalty to each of them and each of their Heirs and Assigns as so drawn and entered——

The Draft of the Lots of the Reservation of fifteen hundred Acres of land in Conway—viz[t]—

To the Right of	John Wentworth Esq[r]	Lot N[o] 5
To . .	Richard Wibird Esq[r]	14
To . .	George Jaffrey Esq[r]	4
To . .	Mark H[g] Wentworth Esq[r]	11
To . .	Jotham Odiorne Esq[r]	7
To . .	Thomas Walingford Esq[r]	10
To . .	John Rindge	13
To . .	Solly and March	2
To . .	Peirce and Moore	8
To . .	Joshua Peirce Esq[r]	12
To . .	Thomlinson & Mason	1
To . .	Theodore Atkinson Esq[r]	9
To . .	John Moffatt Esq[r]	6
To . .	Blanchard Meserve & C[o]	3
To . .	Thomas Packer Esq[r]	15

[*Plan of Conway*, 1782.]



[*Terms of Proprietors for Grant to Hugh Sterling*, 1782.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 114.]

mem° Decr 3. 1782. at a Co'vention of the Proprietors of ye land purchas'd of Jn° Tufton Mason Esqr in New Hamp^r Application being made by Capt Young Brown in behalf of Hugh Sterling representing that s^d Sterling had a grant of Land by the Governm^t of N Hamp^r located near Conway & the Province line of 2000 acres & Since finding Said Location to lay within Mason's Grant pray's Said Proprie: will make said Sterling a Grant of ye whole or what part of Said Location they shall think meet—upon consideration of his making Settlements on each of three hundred Acres shall be granted to him and imediately Settle two families on their grant & two families in a year and that he will relinquish to Said Proprietors any and the whole Location to them, and make Settlement upon Said grant as aforesaid, and maintain and oppose any other Right or title shall be Sot up or infringe upon the Right & Title of Said Proprietors—S^d Prop^rs takeing into Consideration the above Said Application, and Several Applications heretofore made by Said Sterling The Said Proprietors have concluded to make a grant to Said Sterling of thirteen hundred Acres on the westerly Side of Said location of 2000 Acres, as may be taken by the lots of the land Surveyed and laid out marked and numbered on the Plan returned to Said Proprietors by Jame Hersy 1781

Henry Dow having this day made Application to the Prop^rs to be quieted on the land he has improved on the land in Hersy's Plan and noted in it near ye Prov: line being N° 2 which Hugh Sterling claims contrary to ye proposal he made & determined by ye Prop^rs Decr 1782

1784 Jany 29th

April 21st 1784 Moses Ingals appeared and produced a Deed from above named Henry Dow for ye abovementioned N° 2 and Says said Dow has removed from Said lot on wch is a log house and ab^t^ 2 Acres of land cleared & ab^t^ 8 Acres more fell—

[*Henry Young Brown to Proprietors*, 1783.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 115.]

Brownfield June 10th 1783

Sr Sterlings location is 800 Rods N & S and 400 East and west by Herseys Survay the lots as Split on the west Side & the South Side

by Sterlings lines his proposel is for your propriotors to make him a grant of the whole & he to Deed to you one third part on the East Side from End to end and not have any Reference to the lots I have Viewed the matter and Cannot See any Ill Conveniency it will be to you if it is done by lots it will Interfere with Sterlings deeds to Generarol Starkes & Co^{ll} Wm Starks & with their deed to others as the lots he gave deeds of are on the west side & your lott on that Side are Split by his line as to ordway my applycation to you was on Archable Starks location tho now he pushes very hard on Sterling & I think without any reasonable pretence for he has Entered on a lot that Sterling sold to John Sterk & Starks to Jo^{s} Walker & they had worked on it before Ordway did I think it most Just for him to be confined to his first application But this is only for your Information for I have no other Interest in the matter only to State facts for that purpose I should be glad of your determination in the matter If you would send to the Secretarys offis you may have His Charter as it was sent to be Recorded

I am s^{r} your very Humble Servt

H: Y: Brown

George Jeffry Esqr to be Communicated

DANBURY.

[Set off from Alexandria and incorporated June 18, 1795. The town was transferred from Grafton County to Merrimack July 10, 1874. Land belonging to George W. Dudley and Archibald Ford was severed from Wilmot and annexed to Danbury Dec. 19, 1848. A portion of Hill was annexed June 26, 1858, and a part of Wilmot July 26, 1878.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 477; Index to Laws, 131; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 289; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 17; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 527.]

[*Report on Lots in Danbury*, 1822.]

[Extract from Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 52.]

Lands in Danbury

Lot N° 27, in the 2 Division is poor laying a mountain remote 1

No 41. in the 2 Division laying at the foot of a mountain being a midling lot being rether remote being mixter of groath of timber 2

No 21. in the 3 Division is a midling lot ocipid by Ebenezer Stuart he has cleard nearly fifteen acres of s^{d} lot is reather remote as said Stuart says he agreed with Mr Pirce for the same 3

No 27. in the 3. Division is reather poor on a mountain on a road and but a little value 15

No 69 in the 2 Division miding lot the timber is a mixte and som pine there is som pine cut on s^{d} lot for shingle and som lays there now that they cut said lot lays on the Grafton Turnpike 3

N° 27. in 3^{d} Divis Danbury—present price (19 March 1822) $3 ℔ acre enquired for by old Mr Flanders for Levi Fraser

" " offered ℔ letter to John Gale for $250

DUBLIN.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors as *Monadnock No.* 3, or *North Monadnock*, Nov. 3, 1749, to Matthew Thornton and others. Incorporated as Dublin March 29, 1771, and named from Dublin, Ireland. A part of the town was annexed to Marlborough June 13, 1818.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 188; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 555; Index to Laws, 157; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 180; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 142; discourse, 25th anniversary of ordination, by Levi W. Leonard, 1846, pp. 28; History, by same, 1855, pp. 433; Map of Monadnock Mountain, 6, Appalachia, opp. 262; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 255.]

[*Masonian Charter of Dublin*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 116, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 101.]

Province of } Pursuant to the Power and Authority Granted
New Hamp^{s} } and Vested In me by the Prop^{rs} of Lands Purchassed of John Tuffton Mason Esqr In the Province of New Hampshire by thier Vote passed at thier Meeting held at Ports^{o} In Said Province the 16th day June A D 1749—

I do by these presents on the Terms & Limitations hereafter Expressed Give & Grant all the Right Possesson and Property of the Prop^{rs} Afores^{d} unto Matthew Thornton Sampson Stoddard William Spaulding Joseph French Zacheriah Stearnes Peter Powers Robert Fletcher Junr Eleaz^{r} Blanchard Foster Wentworth Josiah Swan Isaac Rindge John Rindge Ezekiel Carpenter Benj^{a} Bellows John Combs Stephen Powers Henry Wallis Samuel Kenney Ebenenezer Gillson Jeremiah Norcross Isaiah Lewis Ezra Carpenter Enos Lawrance William Cumings Mark Hunkin Joseph Jackson Thomas Wibird Jerehmiah Lawrence John Usher Nathan^{l} Page Daved Page Saml Farley Daniel Emerson Joseph Blanchard Junr Thom^{s} Parker Junr Anthoney

Wibird Francis Worster Jonathan Cumings David Willson Clement March Esqr of In or to that Tract of Land or Township Call North Menadnock or Nomber three Bounded as followeth Begining at Beach tree Being the North East Corner of middle Menadnock Township and Runs North Eighty Deg^{s} West Seven miles to a hemlock tree Marked from thence Runing North by the Needle five miles to tree Marked from Thence Runing South Eighty Degrees East Seven miles to a Hemlock Tree Marked from thence Runing South by the Needle five miles to the first Bounds Mentioned

To Have and to Hold to them thier Heirs and Assignes Excepting as afores^{d} & on the Following Terms & Conditions (that is to Say) that the whole Tract of Land be Devided Into Seventy one Equal Shares and that Each Share Contain three Lotts Equitable Coupled togather and Drawn for at Dunstable at or Before the first day of July Next In some Equitable Manner

That three of the Afores^{d} Shares be Granted & appropriated free of all Charge one for the first Setled minister in Said Town one for the Suport of the Ministry and one for the School there for ever & one Lott for Each Said three Shares to be First Lay'd out In the Most Conveniant place Near the Middle of Said Town and Lotts Coupled to them so as not to be Drawn for—

That Eighteen of the Said Shares be Reserved for the Grantors of the Premises their Heirs and Assignes for ever & Aquited from all Duty and Charge Untill Improved by the owners or Some Holding Under them Respectively that the Other Owners of the s^{d} Rights make Settlem^{t} at thier own Expence In the following maner vizt all the Lotts to be Lay'd out at the Grantees Expence that all the Lotts In Said Towship be Subjected to have all Necessary roads Lay^{d} out threw them free from Charge as hereafter there Shall be Ocation That within four Yeares from the Date hereof Forty of the s^{d} Rights or Shares belonging to the Aforementioned Grantees vizt Wm Spaulding Joseph French Zackeriah Stearnes Robt Fletcher Junr Josiah Swan John Rindge John Combs Stephen Powers Henry Walles Saml Kenney Ebenez^{r} Gillson Jere^{h} Norcross Ezekiel Carpenter Ezra Carpenter Enos Lawrance Will Cumings Mark Hunkin Joseph Jackson Thos Wibird Jere^{h} Lawrence John Usher Nathl Page David Page Saml Farley Danl Emerson Anthony Wibird Frances Worster Jon^{a} Cumings David Willson Isaiah Lewis Sampson Stoddard Benjamin Bellows Thomas Parker Junr one Settlement Each Peter Powers four Shares Matthew Thornton three Shares Be Entered upon and three acres of Land at the Least Clered & In Closed & Fited for mowing or Tillage and that with Six months then Next Cuming there be on Each of the S^{d} forty Setleing Shares a House

built the Room Sixteen feet Square at the Least fitted and finished for Comfortable Dwelling therein and Some Person Residant therein and Continue Inhabitancy and Residance there for three Yeares then Next Cuming with the additional Improv^{t} of two acres Each Year for each Setler

That Each of the Grantees at the Executing of this Instrum^{t} pay twenty pounds old Ten^{r} to Defrey the Necessary Charges Risen and Arising in s^{d} Township to be Deposited In the hand of Such Person as the Grantees Shall Chuse Being a freeholder and Residant In the Province of New Hamp^{r}—

That a good Conveniant Meeting house be Built In Said Township as Near the Cent^{r} of the Town as may be with Conveniance within Six Yeares from this Date and ten acres of Land Reserv^{d} there for Public Use

That the Afores^{d} Grantees or their Assignes by a Maj^{r} Vote In Public Meetings Assess Such Further Sums of money as they Shall think Necessary for Compleating and Carrying forward the Settlem^{t} afores^{d} and any of the Grantees Exclusive of the three Publick Lotts who Shall Neglect for the Space of three months Next after Such Assessment Shall be Granted and Made to pay the Same so much of Such Delinq^{ts} Right Respectively Shall or may be Sold as will pay the Tax and All Charges ariseing thereon by a Com^{ee} of the Grantees Appointed for that purpose—

That all White Pine trees fit for masting his Majestys Royal Navy Growing on said Tract of Land be and hereby are Granted to his Majesty his Heirs and Successors for ever and In Case any of the Grantees Shall Neglect or Refuse to perform any of the articles afore mentioned he Shall forfit his Share and Right In S^{d} Township and Every Partt and Parcell thereof to those of the S^{d} Grantees that Shall have Comply'd with the Conditions on their part herein Expressed and It Shall & may be Lawful for any Person by their Authority to Enter Into and Upon the Right of Such Delinqu^{t} owner and every part thereof In the Name of the whole of the Setlers that shall have fullfill^{d} as Afores^{d} and him to amove Oust & Expell for their Use their Heirs and Assignes Provided they Settle or Cause to be Settled Each Such Delinq^{ts} Right within the Term of one Year at the furthest from the Period that is by this Indenture Stipulated to be Done as the Condition of this Grant & fully Discharge & Comply with the whole Duty Such Delinq^{t} ought to have Don within one Year from time to time after the Respective Periods thereof & In Case the Said Grantees fullfilling on their part as afores^{d} Shall Neglect fullfilling as afores^{d} the Duty of any Delinq^{t} owner nor he him Self perform as afores^{d} that then Such Share or Shares Shall be

forfited Revert and Belong to the Grantors their Heirs and Assignes to be Wholly at their Desposeal allways Provided there be no Indian War within any of the terms and Limitations Afores^{d} for Doing the Duty Conditioned in the Grant and In Case that Should Happen the Same time to be Allowed for the Respective Matters Afores^{d} after Such Impedim^{t} Shall be Removed

Lastly the S^{d} Grantors do Hereby promis to the Said Grantees their Heirs & Assignes to Defend through the Law to King and Councill If Need be one Action that Shall or may be Brought against them or [torn] of them by any person or Persons Whatsoever Claiming the S^{d} Lands or any Part thereof by any Other title than that of the Said Grantors or that by which they hold or Derive theres from Provided the S^{d} Grantors are Avouch^{t} in to Defend the Same and that In Case on Finial Tryal the Same Shall be Recovered Against the Grantors for the Said Lands Improvements or Expence In Bringing forward the Settlem^{t} the Grantees Shall recover Nothing over against the Said Grantors, and further that the Said Grantors Will pay the Necessary Expence of time and Money that any Other Person or Persons Shall be put to by any Other Suit or Suites that Shall be Brought against them or any Number of them the Said Grantees for Tryal of the Title Before one Suit Shall be fully Determined In the Law In Witness Whereof I the S^{d} Joseph Blanchard of Dunstable have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this third Day of November A D. 1749

Joseph Blanchard { L S } —

A True Coppy of the Grant of the North Menadnok Township Attst ℔ Joseph Blanchard Junr Prop^{rs} Clerk

[*Proprietors' Names and Lots in Dublin*, 1750.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 117.]

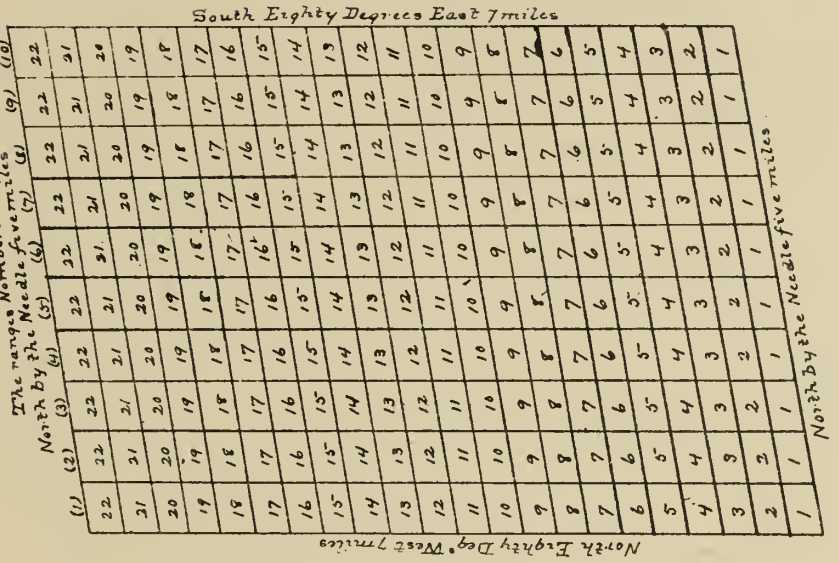
A List of the Propʳˢ of North Menadnack Township	Draugᵗ	Nº	Range	Nº	Range	Nº	Range	
Matthew Thornton Esqʳ	1	10	1	9	1	16	1	
Sampson Stoddard Esqʳ	2	8	1	12	5	19	5	
Wil'iam Spaulding	3	7	1	7	3	12	10	
Capᵗ Joseph French	4	2	1	13	6	15	10	
Joseph Blanchard Esqʳ	5	20	2	7	8	21	2	
Thomas Packer Esqʳ	6	19	2	9	7	11	10	
Joseah Brown	7	18	2	10	6	19	1	J B
Matthew Thornton Esqʳ	8	10	2	22	1	13	4	
Zacherʰ Starnes	9	2	2	11	6	10	10	
Peter Powers	10	12	3	2	5	15	8	
Robᵗ Fletcher Junʳ	11	18	3	21	3	10	7	
Danˡ Peirce & mʳˢ mary moor	12	11	3	22	2	22	3	
Jotham Odiorn Esqʳ	13	10	3	22	6	1	10	
Clement March Esqʳ	14	4	3	16	10	3	10	
Eleazʳ Blanchard	15	2	3	12	6	2	10	
Foster Wentworth	16	1	3	12	7	9	10	
Josiah Swan	17	16	4	8	9	8	10	
Isaac Rindge	18	9	4	22	10	21	10	
Joshua Peirce Esqʳ	19	8	4	4	9	5	9	
Mark H :ᵍ Wentworth Esq	20	4	4	3	8	6	10	
George Jaffrey	21	2	4	14	5	14	6	
Theodore Atkinson Esqʳ	22	1	4	20	3	19	3	
Samˡ Solley and Clᵗ March Esqʳˢ	23	20	5	21	5	9	6	
John Rindge	24	7	5	21	1	21	1	
Ezekiel Carpenter	25	5	5	13	1	12	1	E : C.
Benjᵃ Bellows	26	4	5	3	6	5	10	
Peter Powers	27	1	5	12	4	7	9	
Peter Powers	28	8	6	16	2	17	2	
Stephen Powers	29	20	9	19	8	20	7	
John Combs	30	7	6	20	6	21	6	
Henry Wallis	31	1	6	8	5	19	6	
Samˡ Kenney	32	18	7	5	2	6	2	
Benjᵃ Bellows	33	7	7	6	9	4	10	
Ebenezer Gillson	34	22	8	21	9	11	4	
Jeremʰ Norcross	35	14	8	14	7	13	2	
Isaiah Lewis	36	13	8	13	7	17	4	I : L
Matthew Livermore	37	11	8	11	9	2	7	
Ezra Carpenter	38	10	8	1	9	1	7	
Enos Lawrence	39	22	9	21	8	13	5	
John Wentworth Esqʳ	40	6	6	19	7	15	5	
Peter Powers	41	19	9	14	4	19	10	

A List of the Prop^{rs} of North Menadnack Township	Draug^{t}	N^{o}	Range	N^{o}	Range	N^{o}	Range	
William Cumings	42	14	9	13	3	14	3	
Mark Hunkin	43	10	9	4	1	5	1	
Thomas Wallingsford Esqr	44	9	9	8	3	1	2	
Richard Wibird Esqr	45	2	9	3	10	3	7	
Minister Lotts	46	10	5	11	5	4	8	
School Lotts	47	10	4	22	4	8	8	
Joseph Jackson	48	17	7	20	4	9	3	
Thomas Wibird	49	7	4	21	4	18	5	
Ministry Lotts	50	6	4	22	5	13	9	
Jeremiah Lawrance	51	6	7	5	7	22	7	
John Usher	52	12	8	13	10	14	10	
Nathan^{l} Page	53	5	4	17	8	18	8	
Nathan^{l} Merserve Esqr	54	17	3	16	3	20	10	
John Moffat	55	11	2	15	3	6	1	
David Page	56	5	3	1	8	2	8	
William Parker Esqr	57	8	2	7	2	18	4	
Matthew Thornton Esqr	58	9	2	11	1	21	7	
Saml Farley	59	6	8	5	8	15	9	
Daniel Emerson	60	16	7	3	3	18	6	
Joseph Blanchard Junr	61	5	6	4	7	12	9	
Thos Parker Junr	62	6	3	16	6	17	6	
Peter Powers	63	16	8	17	9	17	10	
Anthoney Wibird	64	3	5	4	6	20	8	
Francis Worster	65	18	9	16	5	15	4	
John T : : Mason & Jno Thomlinson Esqr	66	11	7	17	5	12	2	
Peter Powers	67	16	9	18	10	15	7	
Jonathan Cumings	68	6	5	15	6	19	4	
Eleaz^{r} Blanchard	69	3	2	3	4	8	7	a Sitting Right
John Rindge	70	1	1	4	2	3	9	
David Willson	71	2	6	9	5	7	10	

The Above is a Coppy of the Prop^{rs} of the North Menadnock Township with the N^{o} of the Lotts &^{c} by them drawn y^{e} first tuesday of June 1750

Atest ℘ Joseph Blanchard J^{r} Pro Clerk

[*Plan of Dublin*, 1750.]



This is a plan of the North Manadnadnock N° 3 Township y^e^ ranges are 160 rods wide and the Lotts are one Hundred rods Wide, and finished Laying out the Lotts In may—1750

Joseph Blanchard Surv^r^

a Coppy Taken from the files of the Prop^rs^ of the Above Township

Jos^e^ Blanchard J^r^ Prop^s^ Clerk

[*Theodore Atkinson's Agreement.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 118.]

Dublin, or North Manadnock number three 19 in the third Range, Set to the Hon^l^ Col. Theodore Atkinson's Right & to a Right of Peter Power's, one of the two Should be twelve in the third Range & his Honour has Consented that 12 in 3 Range Shall Be Set to power's Right

S^r^ To Rectify the Mistake mentioned on the Other Side I hereby relinquish all Pretentions of Property to the N° (12) in the 3^d^ Range & that Mr Peter Powers Name be entered there & that N° (19) in the 3^d^ Should be & remain to Me this I think will Set all right when thus added in the Plan—

Yours Theodore Atkinson

[*Vote of Acceptance by Grantees of Dublin*, 1752.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 119.]

Whereas Joseph Blanchard Esqr for and the Name and Behalf of the Prop^{rs} of the Lands in the Province of New Hamp^{r} Purchased by them of John Tuffton Mason Esqr Who sold to them under the Title made to them by a Com'on Reccovery did on the 3^{d} day of Nove^{r} 1749 Grant the Contents of twenty two Thousand Two Hundred Acres part of S^{d} Lands, Bounded as Followeth Begining at the North East Corner of Middle Manadnock Township or N° 2 & Runs North 80 Deg^{s} West Seven miles to a Hemlock tree Marked thence runing North by the Needle five miles to a Tree Marked thence runing South Eig^{y} Deg^{s} East Seven miles to a hemlock tree Marked thence runing South by the Needle five miles to the first Bounds Mentioned, Under Certain Conditions Limitations & Reservations in S^{d} Grant Mentioned as by S^{d} Grant Referance thereto had will Fully Appear, unto Math^{w} Thornton Samp^{n} Stoddard Wm Spaulding Jo^{s} French Zach^{r} Starnes Peter Powers Robt Fletcher Junr Eleaz^{r} Blanchard Foster Wentworth Jos^{h} Swan Isaac Rindge Jno Rindge Ezek^{l} Carpenter Benj^{a} Bellows Jno Combs Steph^{n} Powers Henry Walles Saml Kenny Ebenez^{r} Gillson Jere^{h} Norcross Isaiah Lewis Ezra Carpenter Enos Lawrence Wm Cumings Mark Hunkin Jos: Jackson Thos Wibird Jere^{h} Lawrence Jno Usher Nathl Page David Page Anthoney Wibird Saml Farley Daniel Emerson Jos: Blanchard Junr Thos Parker J^{r} Francis Worster Jon^{a} Cumings David Willson & Clem^{t} March—Therefore Unanimously Voted that we do hereby Accept S^{d} Title and for our Selves Our Heirs & Assignes acknowledge that we Do hold Said Lands Under said Title Conditions & Limitations with the Resorvations therein mentioned

Extract from the Votes of the Prop^{rs} Grantees of the Township Called North Manadnock or N° 3 passed at their meeting the fourth Day of Aug^{t}—1752

Coppy Exam^{d} ℔ Joseph Blanchard J^{r} Prop^{s} Ck

[*Thomas Morse's Bill and Letter*, 1782.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 120.]

Dublin August 25: 1782

worthy Sir / if you remember a number of Years ago you wrote me a Letter and in the Letter you Desir'd me To bring you an Exact account of those Deliquents that had not Done their Duty in Masons

Pattern and in Dublin in Pecular—for which Service you Promis'd me Ample reward—and I have not as yet receivd any thing for my Service—but I Should take it very kind in you Sir if You would try to git it for me—from your most obedient & humble servant

Thomas Morse

To George Jeffrey Esqr at Portsmouth
P : S : the accompt is £ 4 : s 10

1774 The Proprietors of Masons Patent

To Thomas Morse D^{r}

To my time & Expences & a Journey to Portsmouth from Dublin by their order to return the number of Lots & the duty done on each right omitted charging in Season — —	£ 4 .. 10

Errors excepted Thomas Morse

[*Settlers and Improvements in Dublin.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 121.]

Names of ye grantees of Monadnock N° 3 that ware obliged to Settle agreabel to Charter	Names of those Settled for ye s^{d} Rites	acars Cleared
Wm Spalding	Sam^{ll} Twitchel	14
Joseph French	Isaac Bond	10
Zachariah Stearnes	Ivery Perry	12
Robert Fletcher j^{r}	Edward west Perry	20
Josiah Swan	Levi Partridge	15
John Ringe	John Morrison	9
John Combs	Asa Norcros	15
Stephen Powers	Wm Beal	10
Henry Wallis	Joseph Adams	12
Sam^{ll} Kenney	Benj^{a} Learned	9
Ebenezer Gillson	Daniel Greenwood	10
Jere^{h} Norcros	Daniel Morse	12
Ezekiel Carpenter	Siles Stone	15
Ezra Carpenter	Ezra Twitchel	1
Enos Lawrance	Eli Morse	18
Wm Commings	Benj^{a} Mason	18
Mark Hunkin	David Morse	9
Joseph Jackson	Joseph Twitchel j^{r}	12
Thomas Wibord	Sam^{ll} Eams j^{r}	10

Jeremiah Lawrence		Benonj[a] Death	9
John Usher		Ruben morse	16
Nath[ll] Page		John wight	11
David Page			
Sam[ll] Farley		Simeon Johnson	9
Daniel Emerson		Henry Strongman	18
Anthony Wibird		Eben[r] Twitchel	12
Francis worster		Thomas Morse	20
Jon[a] Cummings		Micah Morse	13
David willson		Joshua Lealand	10
Isaiah Lewis		Thadias mason	10
Samson Stoddard		Betholimi Goyer	9
Benj[a] Bellos			
Thomas Parker j[r] one each		Caleb Greenwood	14

Petter Powers 4 Settlers w[m] greenwood Moses Adams Robart muzzy John Muzzy Martha Thornton 3 Settlers Moses Mason Joel wight Sam[ll] Eams

W[m] Greenwood—	20	moses Mason—	14
moses Adams—	40	Joel wight—	12
Robart muzzy—	10	Sam[ll] Eams—	9
John Muzzy—	12		

DUMMER.

[Granted March 8, 1773, to Mark Hunking Wentworth and others. Incorporated Dec. 19, 1848. A part of Stark was annexed July 1, 1868.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; Index to Laws, 157; sketch, by John B. Lovejoy, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 854; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 610.]

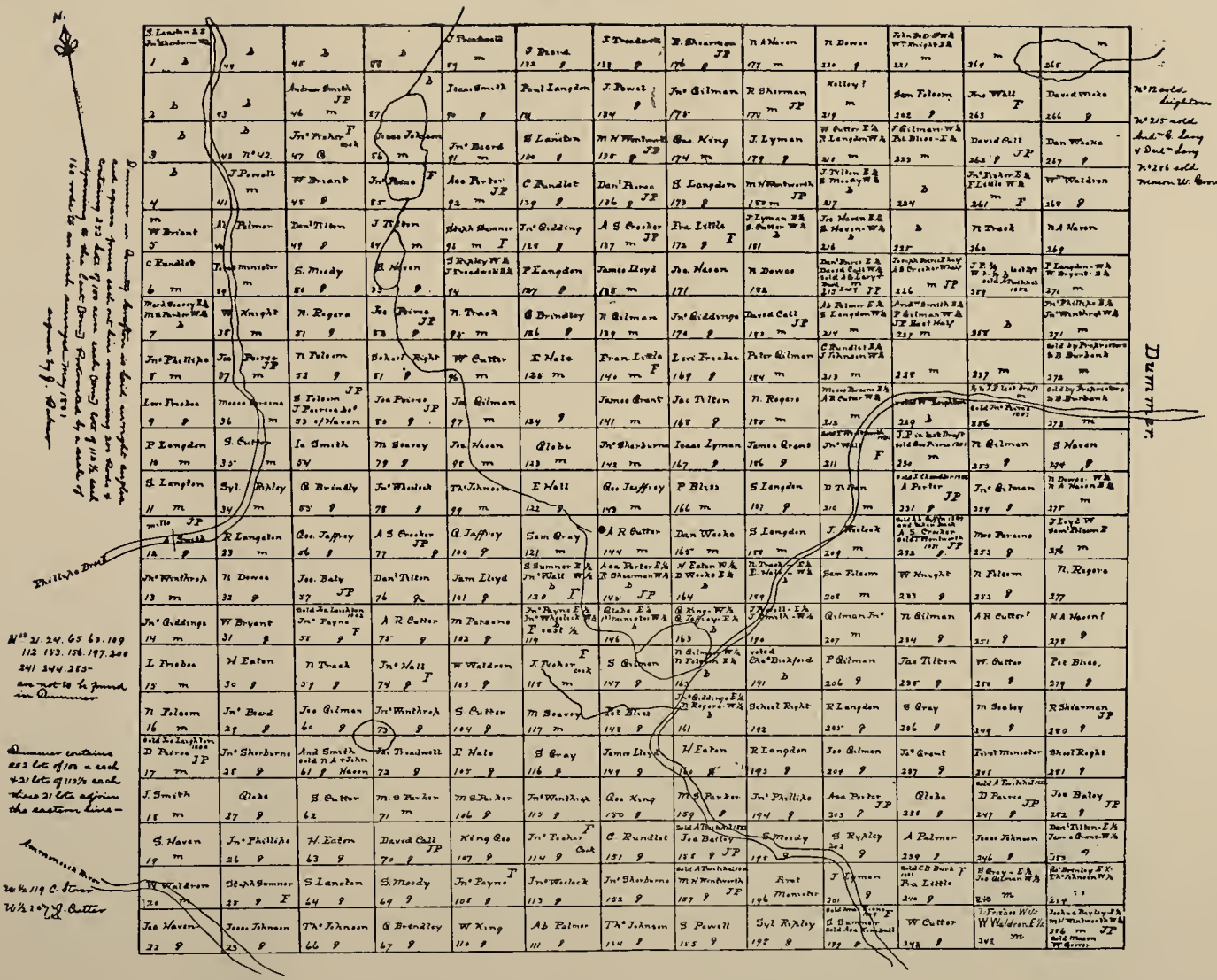
[*Minutes of Transactions in Dummer*, 1832–3.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 122.]

Land belonging to Family in Dummer Jany 1832.

M H. Wentworth—	N° 135	
Bot of Jn° Wentworth	157	& ½ 286
	180	sold
Daniel Peirce———	247	
Jn° Peirce Thomas & Ann Martin	136	& ½ 215
conveyed this to Joseph Peirce 23[d] January 1779	17	sold

[*Plan of Dummer*, 1781.]



David Call———
70, 262, 183 } & ½ 215 sold

Asa Porter—
Bot of Asa Porter
203, 231, 92 } & ½ 145

Joshua Bayley———
Bot of Asa Porter
282, 158, 57 } & ½ 286 sold

And[w] S. Crocker———
232, 77, 137 } & ½ 226

And[w] Smith——— sold
Bot of And[w] Smith
12, 46 } & Each ½ of 227

S. Folsom———
Exchanged with N A & J Haven
53

Joseph Peirce———
80, 82, 37 } & ½ 226

Rich[d] Sherman———
Thos & Ann Martin & Jo[s] Peirce
conveyed to John Peirce 25 Jany 1779
176, 280, 178 } & ½ 145

M[r] Fishers Rightes in Dummer
Stephen Sumner 3, 25, 93, 199, & ½ N° 120
Francis Little 3, 140, 172, 240 & ½ 261
John Fisher sold Ge° Cook & not p[d] for 47. 114. 118. & ½–261
John Wall 74, 211, 263 & ½ N° 120
John Payn 58, 108, 85 & ½ 119

Oc. 26, 1827 Sold M[r] Fishers Lot N° 199 Dummer to Asa Kimball for $200—he paid his 1st Note Viz—

March 26, 1829— 50.—
balance Jany 5, 1831— 65.33

Rec[d] & credited M[r] Fisher $115.33

the other note given up to him; he claiming to give it up by Right; though he had no right: so that M[r] Fisher now owns the lot, a bond for deed only having been given which Bond he surrendered

One Lot N° 215 sold And^w G. Lary & Dearborn Lary } for $175, & is paid for ℔ note Book Sold Jany 23, 1832
" " N° 12 sold Joseph Leighton June 12 1832 for $250 & the proprietors of Dummer are to pay us $50 ℔ minute on bottom of Leightons Notes
" N° 286 sold Robert Ingalls & Marshall Grover } April 21, 1833 for $175 Bond for Deed

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[*Minutes of Transactions in Dummer.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 123.]

Thomas & Ann Martin to John Peirce
1 Right Dummer of Which Richd Shearman 25 Jany 1779
Joseph Peirce to John Peirce
1 Right Daniel Peirce Esq 1 Feb. 1779
but this last said to be Reconveyed on back of deed

In case of defect of tittle to any part or portion of the Premises hereby intended to be conveyed, the Grantors shall not be holden for any farther sum or any damage beyond the sum now paid for such part or portion to be paid after the Grantee or their assigns shall be disposed of—

[*Bond of M. W. Peirce*, 1835.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 124.]

Portsm° 23^d July 1835

Received of Messrs William Bailey of Bangor in Penobscott County Maine and George Pierce of Harrison in the County of Cumberland and Said State of Maine their promissory note payable to me or J. W Peirce for the Sum of Eighteen Hundred Ninety Four Dollars and Twenty Five Cents payable in Thirty days and interest, Now if said Bailey & Pierce shall pay said note when due and give at that time three other other notes each for the Sum of Eighteen Hundred Ninety Four Dollars & Twenty Five Cents (Said four notes making together the Sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred & Seventy Seven Dollars) the said last three described notes payable in One Two and Three years—one each year—with interest annually Secured by Mortgage on the following described Rights and Lots in Dummer in the County of Coos & State of New Hampshire or by other Security to my Satisfaction then I agree to procure for them

their heirs & assigns good & Sufficient deeds of the said Rights and Lots in Said Dummer—to the faithful performance of which agreement I do hereby bind myself my heirs & Executors & administrators to said Bailey & Pierce their heirs and assigns in the Sum of Three Thousand Dollars sealed with my Seal at the date before written

The Rights & Lots before mentioned are as follows—No^{s} 135. 157. 180 in right of M. H Wentworth 247. 136. 17 in right of Daniel Peirce 70. 262. 183 in Right of Daniel Call. 203. 231 92 & ½ 145 right of Asa Porter 282. 158. 57 Right of Joshua Bayley 232. 77. 137 and ½ of 226 right of And^{w} S. Crocker 46 ½ of 227 right of And^{w} Smith 53 right of S. Folsom 80. 82. 37 & ½ 226 Right of Joseph Peirce. 176 280. 178 & ½ 145 Right of Richd Shearman 25 93. 199 & ½ 120 Right of Stephen Sumner 140 172. 240. & ½ 261 right of Francis Little 47. 114. 118. & ½ 261 Right of John Fisher 74. 211. 263. & ½ 120 right of John Wall 58. 108. 85. & ½ 119 Right of John Payn each lot containing One Hundred Acres more or less except Lots 282 & 280 each of which contain One Hundred & Twelve & a half Acres more or less & each of said Rights having Thirty Acres and Four Ninths of an Acre more or less of Common & undivided land excepting that of S. Folsom the common & undivided land appertenant to which is not included in this bond

witness
Alex^{r} Haven

M W. Peirce { Seal }

[*Insertion in Deed to Bailey and Pierce*, 1835.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 125.]

The Deeds we are to Receive from M W Peirce for certain Lots of Land in Dummer according to His Bond to us, are to contain the following clause viz " It being understood that in Case of any failure of title to any part or parcel of the premises hereby intended to be conveyed the grantor shall not be holden or liable to pay any farther Sum or damages beyond the sum now paid for such part or portion with interest and costs of suit to be paid to the Grantees their heirs or assigns so soon as they shall be legally dispossessed thereof " the said deeds to be warrantees against all person claiming under the grantors or the Origenal proprietars or any title under any Vendue Sale

July 23. 1835

Wm Bailey
George Pierce

[*Dummer Lands Sold to Pierce and Bailey.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 126.]

Schedule of Land in Dummer in the County of Coos & State of New Hampshire bargained to George Pierce & Joshua Bayley

Orig. Proprietors		N° Lot	N° Acres	Amot.
M H. Wentworth		135	100	
		157	100	
		180	100	
	sold—½	286	——	
		Common	$30\frac{4}{9}$	
				$330\frac{4}{9}$
Daniel Peirce		247	100	
		136	100	
		17	100	
	sold ½	215	——	
		Common	$30\frac{4}{9}$	
				$330\frac{4}{9}$
Daniel Call		70	100	
		262	100	
		183	100	
	sold ½	215	——	
		Common	$30\frac{4}{9}$	
				$330\frac{4}{9}$
Asa Porter		203	100	
		231	100	
		92	100	
	½	145	50	
		Common	$30\frac{4}{9}$	
				$380\frac{4}{9}$
Joshua Bayley		282	$112\frac{1}{2}$	
		158	100	
		57	100	
	sold ½	286	——	
		Common	$30\frac{4}{9}$	
				343
And^{w} S. Crocker		232	100	
		77	100	
		137	100	
	½	226	50	
		Common	$30\frac{4}{9}$	

Orig. Proprietors.		Nº Lot	Nº Acres	Amot.
Andw. Smith	sold	12	——	
		46	100	
	½	227	50	
		Common	30 4/9	
				180 4/9
S. Folsom		53	100	100
Joseph Peirce		80	100	
		82	100	
		37	100	
	½	226	50	
		Common	30 4/9	
				380 4/9
Richd Shearman		176	100	
		280	112 ½	
		178	100	
	½	145	50	
		Common	30 4/9	
				393
Stephen Sumner		25	100	
		93	100	
		199	100	
	½	120	50 X	
		Common	30 4/9	
				380 4/9
Francis Little		140	100	
		172	100	
		240	100	
	½	261	50 X	
		Common	30 4/9	
				380 4/9
John Fisher		47	100	
		114	100	
		118	100	
	½	261	50 X	
		Common	30 4/9	
				380 4/9
John Wall		74	100	
		211	100	
		263	100	
	½	120	50 X	
		Common	30 4/9	
				380 4/9

Orig. Proprietors		Nº Lot	Nº Acres	Amot.
John Payn		58	100	
		108	100	
		85	100	
	½	119	50	
		Common	$30\frac{4}{9}$	
				$380\frac{4}{9}$

Total Acres $5051\frac{1}{3}$

John Fisher —— Acres $1902\frac{2}{9}$ @ 1.50 —— $2853.33

Cash ——	713.34
1 Year ——	713.33
2 Years ——	713.33
3 years ——	713.33
	$2853.33

M W Peirce & others $3149\frac{1}{9}$ @ 150 —— 4723.67

Cash ——	1180.94
1 year ——	1180.91
2 years ——	1180.91
3 years ——	1180.91
	$4723.67

Total Acres $5051\frac{1}{3}$ @ 150 —— 7577.——

Jnº Fisher ——	2853.33
M W Peirce & others –	4723.67
	$7577.00
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DUNBARTON.

[Granted by Massachusetts, June 19, 1735, to Capt. John Gorham's men and called *Gorham-town*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Dec. 18, 1748, to Archibald Stark and others, and called *Stark's-town*. Regranted March 2, 1752. Incorporated as Dunbarton Aug. 10, 1765, and named from a town in Scotland. A portion of Dunbarton was included in the limits of Hooksett, incorporated July 2, 1822. The line between Dunbarton and Goffstown was established Jan. 7, 1853, and the line between Dunbarton and Weare, July 2, 1853.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 189; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 558; Index to Laws, 157; Early History, addresses by Amos Hadley, 1845, pp. 27; History, by Caleb Stark, 1860, pp. 272; Centennial Celebration, 1865, pub. 1866, pp. 124; Dunbarton, Past and Present, by J. B. Connor, 4, Granite Monthly, 38; sketch, by W. H. Stinson, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 291; sketch-12, Farmer's Monthly Visitor, 101; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cum, mings, 1836, p. 20; Memoir of John Stark, by Caleb Stark, 1860; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 376; Historical Sketch of Congregational Church, by J. M. Putnam, 1845, pp. 16; The Stark Place, by F. M. Colby, 5, Granite Monthly, 80.]

[*Petition for Grant of Dunbarton.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 128.]

Province of New Hampshire } To the Proprietors of the Right of Land within ye Province of New Hampshire Purchased by them of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r^—

The Petitioners Shew that they being Satisfyed of your Right to the lands aforesaid & willing to hold part thereof under you Pray that you would grant to them the Tract of Land consisting of Six miles Square for a Township joining upon a Tract of Land lately voted to Capt John Goffe & others and your Petitioners will pray &c^a^—

Dav: Mac Gregore	Archibald Stark	William Stark
John Stark	Archibald Stark jun^r^	Thomas Hall
	the above of Amas Ceeg	
Samuell Renkin	William Stinson	James MacGregore
James Cochran	John Stinson	David Stinson
John Cochran	William Gault	John MacDuffee
Alexander Galt	Samuel Stinson	Daniel Leslie
Hugh Ramsey	Matthew thornton	Daved Crarge
John Caree	James Ramesy	Joseph Cochran
Willam: Moore	Hugh DunShee	Sam^ll^ Fulton
Samuell Caldwell	Joseph Scoby	William Ranken
Archball Coningham	James Ramsey	Mathew Ramesy
John Horrner	Hugh Jemeson	Daniel Maccurdy

James Rodgers	Samuel Tood	James Adems
	Chester—	
Esquire Samuel Emerson	John Hall	William Ellet
John Cochran	James Varnum	George Massey
	Haverhill District	
Matthew Morton	John Morton	Thomas folenesbe Juner
Jeremiah Page	Caleb Page Juner	Samuel Richards
	Kingstown	
John Hogg	Samuel Hogg	
	Lichfeild	
William Carr	Adam Dicky	Joseph Blanchard
George Clark	Jn° Quige	Jn° M^c^Callaster

[*Power to Survey and Lay Out Dunbarton*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 129.]

To Archibald Stark Samuel Rankin Hugh Ramsey & Thomas Hall Gentlemen You are hereby Authorized and Impowerd to take a Survey & make a plan of So much Land within the Province of New Hampshire & without the bounds of any Town in said Province & next to Chester as is Equal to Six Miles Square Exclusive of Ponds & Lay it out in Such a manner as to make the North line of that place calld Souhegan East the South Boundary of the Said Six Miles Square at least So far as the Said Souhegan goes Joining to the River Merrimack & so Running back in the most Convenient form Respecting the said Six Miles & what we may have Occasion to Lay out hereafter & Mark the boundaries of the Land you Shall so Lay out & make any Improvement within the said Tract & Return a plan of the said Land you Shall so Lay out to us as Soon as may be for which you shall have a Reasonable & proportionable part Granted to you by us Agreeable to Such proposals of Settlem^t^ as we have now Discoursed with you but if upon view & Conferrence with Capt John Goffe you find it most Conven^t^ to Lay the said Tract farther Northward So as not to Join to the Said Souhegan you have Liberty So to Do & you are to make Choice of a proper Surveyor for the purpose according to your Discretion & to be at the Charge of the Said Survey & plan We Recommend Saml Emerson Esqr as a suitable Person to Employ as a surveyor Portsm° Octob^r^ 8th 1748

This is a Copy of the power given to us by the Committee

Archibald Stark
Samuel Renkin
Hugh Ramsey
Thomas Hall

[*Masonian Proprietors to Proprietors of Dunbarton*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 130.]

Portsmouth October 12th 1748

Gentlemen

In our Power and directions to you of the 8th Inst we ordered that you should conferr with Capt John Goffe before you proceeded to lay out or Survey the lands you proposed, the reason of wch is, that there might be no difference by interfering one with another, now we are informed that is not done so as to answer the end designed; he was the first we engaged to Serve with his associates; you must not therefore interrupt or molest them; but as you are the Second in order we agree you should take next & if you and he can agree to take a plan together of so much as will make two townships we should think it would be the best way & return to us as we directed, & you may make a distinction in the plan where you think ye Division might be—however we would not have you understand us as designing to take away any of your particular Settlements & Improvements in either of such Townships; we would contrive to accom'odate you therein—upon the whole we would have no Supplanting or undermining one another but would have all that hold under us unite to carry on the common Cause, the good of the whole and not differ with one another—if you can't so agree to join in the plan for the whole, you must take the Second place & begin where his end's—we must insist that you also join with him in taking a general plan of the lands & rivers beginning at Souhegan East so called at the northwest Corner & running upon the east Side of new Boston & Hales Town so call'd thence East to the line of Bow & following that line to Merrimack and thence by merrimack to Souhegan north East Corner—your Compliance with the premisses will engage us to be more effectually your Friends &c

Theodore Atkinson	R Wibird
Mark Hg Wentworth	J. Odiorne
John Moffatt	Samll Moore
Josha Peirce	Geo: Jaffrey Junr

Committee

Post. S as Capt Todd has made some proposals (by another) we would have you invite him to join with you in the premisses—

Messrs Archibald Stark Samll Rankin Hugh Ramsey & Thomas Hall

Copy Examin'd ℔ Geo: Jaffrey junr

The Original was forwarded as Inscribed ℔ Capt Jno Goofe Octr 13: 1748 ℔ Geo: Jaffrey junr

[*John McMurphy in Behalf of Rogers and Putney*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 132.]

Portsmouth October 26th 1748

To the Gentlemen Purchasers of Masons Right in Lands in the Province of New Hampshire—

John Macmurphy Esqur in behalfe of James Rogers now Residt in Bow, & Joseph Pudney now Residt in Pennicook do Petition your favour Namely That whereas the said James Rogers and Six Sons, Daniel Samuel James Robert Richard John and the said Joseph & Six Sons, John Joseph William Henry Asa Obediah had purchased a parcel of land on ye westerly Side of ye Town of Bow lying within ye Bounds of Gorham Town, So called, of that part called Lovels farm, qt ye Quantity of abt two thousand one hunded and Ninenty Acres, and that we have improved jointly abt ninety eight Acres of meaddow, & abt one hundred Acres of Upland & had two dwelling houses & two Barns & two Orchards—and that the Houses were built abt nine Years past—and that in April last ye Indians burn't and destroyed ye Said Houses And Barns & cut down ye Orchards and kill'd a Heifer and a Steer belonging to Said James Rogers—wherefore we pray that when you dispose of tract of land which contains the aforesaid purchase (of which we referr to our Deeds of Conveyance from Zacheus Lovel) we may be included as fourteen of the persons you dispose of to, and that we may have ye Said two thousand one hundred & ninety Acres, together, equally to be divided between ye Said fourteen Petitioners upon ye Terms and Conditions as ye adjacent lands is to be dispossd of by you, and the said Petitioners desire no more in ye Township Or Townships when laid out, as proprietors, than ye said two thousand one hundred & ninety Acres, your Consideration and favour hereof, will very much Oblige your Petitioners—

Joseph his × mark Pudney

John Macmurphy
in Behalf of the Petitioners

[*Petition of Andrew Todd and others*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 132.]

Portsth Novbr ye 3d 1748.

To the Gentlemen Purchasers & Proprietors of Capt John Tuffton Mason Right to the Lands in the Province of New Hampshire. &c

We the Subscriber by a Licence from his Excelency to Improve &

Fence a Peace of Land upon the westerly Side of Merrimack River Below Bow line: Have by virtue of said Licence fence'd and Improv'd about Sixty acres of land by Planting & Sowing for the Space of Six years last past, in which time we have Enjoy'd our Improvements without Molestation or Disturbanc from any person in this Goverment.—

Wherefore we wo'd Humbly pray that your Hon^{rs} wo'd please to Grant us the afores^{d} Improvements with a Proper peace of Land adjoyning thereto for fencing Stuff &c. by our Selves, or otherwise as you in your Great Wisdom Shall Seem meet. your Compliance to this our Request wo'd Exceedingly oblige Gentlemen your Hon^{rs} most obedient and most Humble Serv^{ts} to Command.

Alexander his A mack Corlens	Andrew Todd
Barber mark Leslie	John Espie
Robart Dickey	James Leslie
Daniel Dicky	James Moore

the Land is within Gorham

N B. Nathan Simon's Say's that the within Sixty Acres is almost clear'd except ye Hills and that the Within Petitioners clear'd ab^{t} 25 Acres of ye within 60 and Sow'd & planted ye same, and that ye Said Simons clear'd about 5 Acres of ye s^{d} 25 before ye Petitioners aforesaid

Decr 1st 1748

At a Meeting agreed that Nathan Simons have his Improvement Secured to him

Todds 50 Acres to be 75 he to have Aspies Right

260 for all ye Eight then to run back Westerly from ye River to make it up begining Martins brook & So runing

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[*Petition of Edward White*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 131.]

I the subscriber having purchased a tract of Land of Wm Dudley Esqr deceas'd. lying in Gorhams town, so called, on which I have Settled a tenant, & been at great Expence in Improving the same with a design to live on it myself, wch s^{d} tract falls within Masons Claim, do petition that ye Purchasers of Masons Right would Quitclaim s^{d} tract of Land to me, my Heirs & Assigns

Portsmouth Novr 5th 1748 Edward White

[*Petition of Thomas Colburn, Nov.* 16, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 133.]

To the Gentlemen Proprietors & Purchasers of Capt John Tufton Mason Esqu^{r} his Right in Lands in ye Province of New Hampshire—

I the Subscriber humbly Shew, that I was an original grantee of a Tract of Land called Lovels Farm and is included in a Township called Gorham's Town, and as said farm consist's of twenty four hundred Acres, & granted to Six proprietors one of whose Rights I purchased for ninety five pounds before ye Dividing line was run between ye Mass^{a} & New Hampshire—and as I am inform'd Messrs Rogers & Pudney have petitioned of you for themselves and their twelve Sons for ye greatest part of said farm representing it as their improvem^{ts} from one of them I have a primissory note for his improvement of my part of a Meadow in said farm bearing date June 21st 1739 which I have improved for 14 or 15 years—wherefore I humbly pray you will when you grant or dispose of said Tract of land called Gorham's Town you would Suffer me to have two Rights or Shares & that my Improvement and purchase may be therein included as laid out in said Farm upon Such Terms and Conditions as you shall think meet and you will oblige

Your most Hum: Servt

Thomas Colburn

[*Petition of Benjamin Gould and Jonathan Parkhurst*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 134.]

Province of New Hampsh^{r} } Portsmouth Novr 28th 1748—

To the Honb^{le} Theodore Atkinson Esqu^{r} and the other Purchasers & Proprietors of Capt Jno Tufton Mason's Right in Lands in New Hampshire

As your Honours have the Right of that part of ye Land in New Hampshire called Lovels Farm joining to or Lying within Gorham's Town so called, and as I the Subscriber in 1734 purchased ab^{t} 300 Acres in Said Lovels Farm and fenced & improved ye meadow in Said purchase and am inform'd one Pudney & one Rogers have requested a grant thereof from your Honours I desire & request that when you grant or dispose of that Said Farm you would continue my purchase to me upon Such Terms & Conditions as you grant to others hoping you will consider my Expence of purchasing & improvement therein—And as Jonathan Parkhurst was coming

with me to Apply to your Honours in his own behalfe as a Petitioner for ab^{t} 300 Acres of land in Said Lovel's Farm which he purchased And improved in ye Same manner as I have I Do at his Desire & Request petition for him in the Same manner and upon ye Same terms as I do for my Selfe praying your Consideration & favour therein, for ye Said Parkhurst, who is prevented Attending by Sickness, and for my Selfe, wch will ever oblige us, for whom I Subscribe

Your Petitioner & Hum: serv^{t}

Benjamin Goold

[*Charter of Dunbarton*, 1748.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 17, 1748.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth December 17th A D 1748 at the Dwelling House of Sarah Prust Widow on Saturday ten of ye Clock before noon

The Proprietors meet According to Adjournment

Voted, That there be and hereby is Granted unto Archibald Stark William Stark John Stark Archibald Stark jun^{r} Thomas Hall all of a place called Amaskege in the Province of New Hampshire, The Revd David Mac Gregore Samuel Rankin William Rankin Hugh Ramsey John Ramsey Matthew Ramsey Matthew Thornton David Craig Joseph Cochran John Stenson Hugh Dunshe Samuel Fulton Samuel Caldwell Joseph Scoby Samuel Stenson Daniel Lesly William Stenson James McGregore James Cockran David Stenson John Cochran (commonly called Doctor) William Gault John McDuffi Alexander Gault Archibald Cunningham John Horner Hugh Jamison John Carr Daniel McCurdy Alexander Todd James Rogers Samuel Todd James Adams Adam Dicky George Clarke John McCalester John Quigg all of Londonderry in said Province Samuel Emerson Esqr John Hall William Elliot John Cochran James Varnum all of Chester in said Province Matthew Morton George Massey John Morton all of Portsmouth in said Province Thomas Follinsby Junr Jeremiah Page Caleb Page Junr Samuel Richards all of Haverhill District in said Province John Hogg Samuel Hogg both of Kingston in s^{d} Province Joseph Blanchard William Carr both of Litchfield in said Province Nathan Simons of Haverhill & his Eldest Son, Thomas Coburn of Nottingham West Joseph Pudney of Pennicoke So Called James Rogers of Bow in said Province their Heirs & Assigns in Equal Shares and Benjamin Gold & John Parkhurst both of Chelmsford both one Such Share Equally & the Eldest Sons of the said Joseph

Pudney & James Rogers both one Such Share Equally to them their Heirs & Assigns, Excepting as hereafter Excepted on the terms Conditions and Limitations herein after Expressed, all that Tract or parcel of Land within the Province of New Hampshire Containing about five Miles Square more or Less Bounded as follows, viz Beginning at the Main River on the Northerly Side of a Tract of Land lately Granted by said Proprietors to Thomas Parker & others and runing Westward as far as that Tract of Land runs Joining on the Same, then running North two Degrees West five Miles & one hundred & Eighty rods, then North Seventy Nine Degrees East till it Comes to a place Called Rumford then runing South Seventeen Degrees East three hundred & forty Rods then East till it Comes to the Township of Bow, then by that till it Comes to said River and then by that till it Comes to the place where begins.—

To have and To hold to them their Heirs and Assigns as aforesaid Excepting as aforesaid on the following terms Conditions & Limitations, That is to Say, That the whole Tract of Land within said Bounds (Saving the Particular Tracts herein after mentioned) be Divided into Eighty five Shares or Rights & Each Share or Right be Laid out into two Distinct Lots & munber'd with the same Number on Each of said Lots, That the Numbers begin with One & End with Eighty five. That one of the said Shares be for the Use of the first Minister of Gospel who shall be Settled on the said Tract of Land hereby Granted, & Shall remain there during his Life or until he shall be Regularly Dismist to hold to him his Heirs & Assigns. And one other of said Shares be for & towards the Support of the Gospel Ministry there for Ever. That one of the Lots belonging to Each Share shall Contain One hundred Acres and the other all belonging to Each Respective Share. That the hundred Acre Lot belonging to the Share for the first Minister of the Gospel, and the hundred Acre Lot belonging to the Share for the Support of the Ministry as aforesaid be Laid out as near the place where the Meeting house shall be set as may Conveniently be done, but that all the other Lots be drawn for according to the Common Method of Drawing for Lots of Land in Such Cases only not till the whole Shall be Laid out So that there Shall be but one Draft for both the Lots belonging to one Share. That one of said Shares be for & towards the Support of a School there for Ever. And Seventeen of said Shares be Reserved for the Use of the Proprietors the Grantors of the said Premises their Heirs & Assigns for Ever. That the said Seventeen Shares so reserved be Exonerated Acquitted & fully Exempted from paying any Charge towards making a Settlement there & not held to the Conditions of the other Shares respecting the Settlement nor Liable

to any Tax Assessment or Charge until Improved by the Owners or same Person holding under them Respectively. That the Owners of the other Sixty five Shares (with the Assistance of the other Tracts herein after mentioned) Shall make a Settlement on the said Granted premises at their own Expence in the follow^{g} manner viz: That all the Lots be laid out as afores^{d} by the Last Day of May next ready to be Drawn for which Shall be done at Portsmouth as Said Proprietors Shall Direct. That the Said Lots be Laid out in Ranges where the Land will Admit of it & Land left between the Ranges for high Ways of four rods wide and for Cross ways between the Lots of two Rods wide—That within One Year from the said last day of May Each Owner of the Said Sixty five Shares have a House of Sixteen foot Square (at least) with a Chimney and a Cellar upon One of the Lots belonging to his Share & Some Person living in said house & three Acres of Land Enclosed Cleared & fitted for mowing or Tillage and three Acres more so Enclosed Cleared & fitted for mowing or Tillage Yearly for the Term of three Years Successively next after the Year aforesaid. That the said Settlers at their own Expence Build a Meeting House there before the Last Day of May which will be in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & fifty two, fit for the Public Worship of God for the Use of those who Shall then or afterwards Live there and Constantly from & after that time maintain the Public Worship of God there. That Six Acres of Land be Left & Laid out in some Suitable place within Said Tract of Land for Setting a Meeting House upon, A School House, to make a Burying Yard, a training Field, & for any other Public Use the Inhabitants shall have Occasion for.—That each Owner of the Said Sixty five Shares shall at or before the Drawing for their Lots as aforesaid Advance & pay the Sum of thirty pounds Old Tenor (including what they have already paid towards Carrying on the Said Settlement) to be Deposited in the hands of Such Persons as the Said Owners or the Major part of them shall Chuse, to Defray the Charge of Surveying & Laying out of the Lots afores^{d} Building a Meeting house as aforesaid & Maintaining the Public Worship of God there, the first Six Months from the End of three Years after Drawing for said Lots as afores^{d} Clearing Land for high Ways, Building of Necessary Bridges, & making & Returning of a Compleat plan of all the Lots to the said Proprietors the Grantors of the said Premises. That all white pine Trees fit for His Majesty's Use for Masting the Royal Navy growing on said Tract of Land be & hereby are Reserv'd And are hereby granted to His Majesty his Heirs & Successors for Ever for that purpose. That the Owners of the said Sixty five Shares shall have the Use of all Meadows within any of the said twenty Shares for the

Term of five Years Commencing at the time of Drawing for the Lots as afores[d]. That no Obstruction be made upon any River within said Tract of Land to the Passage of the fish and in Case any Person shall So do it shall be Lawful for any one to Remove the same at Pleasure.

Reserving to the Grantors two hundred and five Acres of Said Land begining at a place Called Martyns Brook & so runing Up the River two hundred & Sixty Rods & then runing back Westerly to make up the Quantity afores[d] taking in the Severall Improvements of Andrew Todd John Espy James Lesly David Dickey James Moore Alexander MacCullen Barber Lesley & Robert Dickey which parcel of Land So reserved is hereby Granted in the following manner; That is to Say to the said Andrew Todd Seventy five Acres thereof and to the said James Leslie David Dickey James Moore Alexander McCullen Barber Lesley & Robert Dickey Each twenty five Acres thereof to be taken for each Man So as to take in his Particular Improvement and to run Westerly for the remaining part to make up the Quantity aforesaid to each Man Reserving also twenty Acres more which is hereby Granted to the above named Nathan Simons to be laid out where his Improvements are upon said Granted Premises taking in the Same where his House is which Several Tracts or Lots of Land are Granted & Confirmed to the Grantees afores[d] & their Respective Heirs & Assigns, they Severally paying & Each of them Depositing as aforesaid the Sum of five pounds Old tenor for every fifty Acres of Land So Granted or in that Proportion & doing & performing their proportionable part of all other & after Duty hereby Laid upon the Settlers as Afores[d] And In Case any of the Owners of the Said Sixty five Shares or the Particular Lots aforesaid Shall Refuse Neglect or Omit to perform & fully Discharge any of the Conditions Articles matters & things abovementioned by him Respectively to be done according to the true Intent & meaning of these Presents, He Shall forfeit his Right & Share in the said Tract of Land hereby Granted & Every part & parcel thereof to the said Grantors, and it Shall and may be Lawful for them or any of them or any Person or Persons in their name & Stead & by their Authority to Enter into & upon the part Share & Right of Such Delinquent Owner or any part thereof in the name of the whole & him utterly thence to Amove oust Expel & Remove for the Use of said Grantors their Heirs & Assigns. Provided there be no Indian War within any of the Terms & Limitations of time above mentioned for performing the Said Articles & things afores[d] to be done & performed by the said Settlers, and in Case that should happen the same times to be allowed for the Respective matters aforesaid after Such Impediment Shall be removed—And it is also to be understood that the Surveyor or Surveyors & those

who shall be Appointed to Lay out the Lots belonging to the Shares afores[d] Shall also Lay out all the Particular Tracts & Parcels abovemention'd.—

Lastly the said Proprietors the Grantors afores[d] do hereby Ingage & promise to the Said Grantees to defend them their Heirs & Assigns against all & Every Action & Law Suit that Shall be prosecuted moved & Stirred against them & any of them by any Person or Persons whomsoever Claiming the said Land or any part thereof by any other Title than the Title of the said Grantors or that from whence theirs is Derived with this Condition & Limitation that in Case the said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns Shall be Ejected & Ousted by any Such right or Title that then they have or Recover nothing of & from the said Grantors & Proprietors or their Executors or Administrators for the Land hereby Granted nor for any Labour or Expence whatsoever which they have been or shall be at in Consequence and Pursuance of this Grant or any of the Premises aforesaid—And farther reserving to the said Grantors their Heirs & Assigns all that Tract or Parcel of Land lying within the bounds of the said Tract hereby Granted as afores[d] which is Commonly Called Suncook.

[*Petition of Zacheus Lovewell*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 134.]

Dunstable December 18th 1748—

Gentlemen

I was Owner of a Share in that tract at montetony Called Lovewell's Grant, made to me with five Others & was Included in Gorehams town on Which Rodgers & pudney Setled One Share thereof I Sold and Am Lyable to make Good, & if in Your Grant to Stark and Others in Which it falls, there be Room I shall be Exceeding Glad to be a Setler it possibly may prevent my Suffering Considerable Damage & not Lessen your Interest, I should bin Earlier in my Case but had forgot the title I gave of it till last Week Which was to Ebenezer Parkust not one of y[e] Petitioners under Stark if it be not too Late, your favours in this Shall ever be greatfully resented by Gen[tn] you most Humble Ser[t]

Zacheus Lovewell

To the Gen[tn] Prop[rs] of Masons Grant

[*Joseph Blanchard to Proprietors*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 135.]

Dunstable December ye 19th 1748

Gent^n^/ The Bearer, (Herewith Awaits you) the eldest Son & Heir of the venerable Coll^o^ Prescott of Groton Deceased; Who died Claimer of nine Rights in Gorehamstown, Late Granted to Capt Goffe & Company & Stark & Company (& the Other Gentleman in Company, Capt Bancroft Owned One) I've Reason to think they were not Apprized of your Intentions & Power to Grant the Same or had made Application, & assurance of their being as Proffitable Subjects to the Goverment and As fully Yeild to Your demands as any who had no pretentions there before, & Provided Room can yet be made they Are very Solicitous for your favour herein & so pressing for me to Write I Could not get Excused,—

Their Interest in this part of Massachusetts is Considerable, & if they Can be Oblidged I'm of Oppinion it may not be Amiss—Capt Baldwin of Sudbury Who Setled a farm Joyning to Hillsborough Was on his Journey to Portsmouth to Submitt him Self to Your Authority & Direction, was Taken Sick & Could not proceed he came to my House and begg'd that I would Informe, & that he Should proceed as Soon as able to See you, that if ye Land Joyning the South Side Hillsborough Should be granted in Setlement the Charge he has bin at there in Building Clereing &c, may not be Lost but is Ready to Conform to Such Conditions as You think Reasonable for him or if it be delay'd of being a town (wch for the present I hope it will) he will be Ready to Conform to your Inclinations in ye matter—

The Messengers are Waiting I Expect in a few days to give you a further Acc^o^ of my Own Affairs and Rest your most Humble Ser^t^ at Com'and—

J Blanchard

To the Hono^r^ Society of masons Grant
℔ Capt James Prescott

[*Petition of Seth Blodgett*, 1748/9.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 136.]

Boston Jn^ry^ 2^d^ 1748

To the Honarable Gent^m^ the Propriators of Masons Right & : c—

Gentl^m^ when I heard of your Right from under Mr Mason I was under Some Consarne for having a tract of Land of aboot 300 Acors

in a township Cauld By the Name of Goroms towne and had Bult a hous and Cleard Land and Brokne it up and fensed it and Cleard Meddow and Entervale in order for other Improvements and had a famaly Livd Some years in the Hous and S^{d} famaly Being obleg^{d} to Leave it By reason of the war It Put Me upon Search of the strength of My Titel from under the Massachusetts which I found in my humble opnion Not worth aney thing and that I Must Ly holey at the Marsey of you Gentel^{m} whier upon My humble Potion Gentel^{lm} is tha I may have My Land and Improven^{ts} in the Place whier it was formely Laid out and if Not I would Humbly Pray you to Consider Me in some other Place that I may Not Be a grate Looser thier By—

Mr Gofe tels me that He had holy for: Got me when he had His Charter from you or Else He would A Spoke of me then and Now Scrupel with him But you would have Done as well for me as you Did for the others in the Like Surcomstances—

He tels Me that thier is 2 Rights Not yeat Dispos^{d} of I humbly Pray you to Consider Me thier in I am Reddy to Come plye with aney Mesure that You Shall in your wisdoms think fitt in Reason I Shall Proforme—

I was at Pusceataqua in october and Maid my Aplication to you Gentel^{m} about my affour S^{d} Land and was Genorously treated at your Meeting for which I am Grately obleg^{d} to you and you Engeously Told Me that as you had Not Agreed on aney Certen Methords to Proceed you Could Not Do aney thing for Me at that time and that as to ye truth of the afours^{d} Genl^{m} If you Have a Mind to Be Satiesfied to ovid Imposision which as I am A Stranger to you I Should Be Glad you would Enquer of Corn^{ll} Blanchard who Is Perfectly well acquanted with the Case and the Surcomstances thurof And Honorable Gentel^{m} I Rest it wholey in you Brestes and Humbly Pray your Exceptance of my Above Requeste and I Shall Remain as in Duty Bound your Hum^{le} and obedent Sert

Seth Blogget

[*Proprietors to Archibald Stark*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 137.]

To mess^{rs} Archibald Stark & Associates

Gent In ye Grant made to you and Company of the tract of land as bounded in the Grant it was Supposed that the Improvements of Capt Tod and others fell within ye same and were reserved as such—but it seems that upon a more exact survey it appears they lay within the boundarys of y^{t} Tract granted to Thomas Parker and associates Therefore the Proprietors of masons Right wou'd recommend it to

you to agree the matter with Capt Goffe and Company and make them Satisfaction out of your Grant for what by Tod and others will be taken out of Goffe and Companys Grant amounting to Two hundred and fifty acrs—which is equall and Just—in the opinion of ye Proprietors of masons Grant—in behalfe of ye Proprietors—

Portsm^{o} April 13th 1749— Geo: Jaffrey jur P Cl

Copy Sent ℔ Capt Jno Goffe. April 14th

[*Petition of Grantees of Dunbarton*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 138.]

To the Honorable Proprietors of Mr Masons Lands in New hampshire &c

Gentlemen With Regard to the Grant of Land made to Archibald Stark and others: Which Grant falls Very short of mesure: being bounded in by Bow on the north East: Goffs town on the south and Hales town on the west: Cannot be Inlarged by Land adjoyning to it in any Reguler forme: and the Grantees think it a Great hardship to make setlement: and Performe the Duty as by Grant is Required unless they Can have two Hundred Acres to a Right or share: Would Informe you that when new boston and Hales town were Granted by the Massichusetts bay they adjoyned togather: and their was a mile and a Half of Land: not Granted in any Shape Laying between the north End of Hales' town and the Line of towns (Viz) N° 5: N° 6: &^{c}: Which Gentlemen in your Granting of Hales town to m^{r} Weare of Hampton falls and others: you have bounded them upon the Line of towns afforesaid: which Leaves a Goer of Land on the South between Hales town and new boston Adjoyning too or Very near the south west Corner of Starks town: We Pray that you will annex and Confirme Said Gore of Land to the Grant of Stark's town or at Least so much of it as will make us two Hundred acres to one Right or share with what is before Granted which will Very much oblidge yours to serve In behalf of the Grantees of a Certain tract of Land Granted to Archibald Stark and others—

Sam^{ll} Emerson

Goffs Town

A Plan of the Division of That Tract of Land Granted by the Proprietors of the Land Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq to Archibald Stark— William Starke & others as Said Division hath been made by the Grantees to be returnd to the Grantors in order to the Drawing the Lotts Agreable to the Vote by which it was Granted—

This Plan Contains a true Account of all the Land Contained in the Grant made to Archibald stork and others as Sirvayed And Laid Down by a Scale of one Hundred and Sixty Rods to an Inch

by Sam^{ll} Emerson Sirvayor

	Propr^{s}	Range	N^{o}	Range	N^{o}	Side
Mathew Ramsey	42	3	16	2	19	So
John Quigg	43	1	19	2	8	No
Hugh Jameson	44	3	6	3	7	So
Thomas Follensby jun^{r}	45	3	4	4	3	So
James Varnum	46	7	5	7	1	So
Archibald Stark jun^{r}	47	6	10	5	5	So
George Clarke	48	2	1	2	8	So
Thomas Hall	49	2	3	1	5	So
Addam Dicky	50	5	11	3	5	So
John Hall	51	7	3	7	2	No
George Jaffrey	52	6	12	4	7	So
Samuell Stenson	53	2	13	5	3	No
Joseph Scobey	54	5	10	6	5	No
Samuel Richards	55	8	5	8	1	
William Rankin	56	4	17	3	10	So
Jeremiah Paige	57	12	1	12	2	
Mathew Thornton	58	6	9	4	6	No
Samuel Todd	59	4	11	7	11	
John Stark	60	1	1	1	4	
Mark Hunk^{s} Wintworth Esq^{ur}	61	9	3	14	0	
John McDuffie	62	3	1	5	1	So
Thomas Packer Esqu^{r}	63	5	13	4	6	So
Sam^{ll} Rankin	64	2	10	4	4	No
David Craig	65	1	13	1	9	So
Dan^{ll} McCurdy	66	10	1	9	o Pond	
John McCalester	67	3	17	2	19	No
Sam^{ll} Solley Esqr } Clem^{t} March E^{sq} }	68	6	13	4	7	No
John Karr	69	4	18	3	10	No
John Cochran Doct^{r}	70	8	4	8	2	No
Thos Wallingford Esqu^{r}	71	2	4	1	5	No
William Stark	72	4	16	1	7	No
Mark Hunk^{s} wentworth Esq^{ur}	73	9	2	11	1	
John Moffatt Esqu^{r}	74	2	6	1	8	So
Law Lot N° 1	75	3	12	2	18	So
Alex^{r} Todd	76	1	2	1	3	
John Hogg	77	1	18	2	7	No
Law Lott N° 2	78	3	19	2	9	No
Jotham Odiorne Esq^{ur}	79	1	17	2	7	So
Theodore Atkinson Esq^{ur}	80	3	11	3	7	No
		1	12	1	8	No
		2	2	1	8	So
		4	12	7	10	So
Lot for ministry		4	9	3	8	No
Lot for first minister		4	8	3	8	So
School Lot		3	9	1	8	No

Prov: of New Hampshire } Portsmouth December 21st 1749 Voted that this Draft of ye Lots of Land in the Tract of land Granted by the Proprietors of ye lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqur to Archibald Stark, William Stark & others so far as they have been drawn be and hereby is Ratifyed & confirmed as a full & final Division and Partition thereof and the Plan of Said Division as made & numbercd by ye Grantees & Returned by them to the Grantors be Received allowed & Confirmed for the Purpose aforesaid—

Geo: Jaffrey Propⁿ Cl

[*Names to Be Entered in New Charter of Dunbarton*, 1751.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 139.]

Londonderry Octr ye 21 1751—

To The Propⁿ of Lands Purchassed of John Tufton Mason Esqr the Originall Right of Capt John Mason Esqr of London Lying in the Province of New Hampr Whereas We the Subscribers were part of the Grantees of A tract of Land Adjoyning to and On the West Side of Merrimack River Called Starks town And have Conveyed Our Respective Rights & Interest therein to Sundry Persons as follows, vizt John Quig, to Archabald Stark James Adams to Thoms Mills, John MacAllester to Archibald Stark; Willm Karr to John Stark, Archibald Stark to John Cambell, John Hogg to Willm Hogg, Matthew Mortton to John MacCurdy, John Stark to Willm Stenson, Hugh Ramsey, to Willm Heslop; Samll Renken to Robert Macmurphy; Samll Stinson to David Stinson; John Stinson to Willm Stark, Alexr Gailt to James Evens; Archbald Cuningham to James MacGregore John Horner to Willm Stark; Thoms Hall to Willm Renken, Samull Caldwell, to Coll Blanchord; John Ramsey to Willm Pudney & obediah Foster one Hundred acres, & the remaining part of the Right to Hugh Ramsey

and Whereas thrô the Neglect of Performance of Duty Injoyned the Whole of ye Grantees, Wee Are Informed the Charter thereof is made void and a New Charter proposed to be Given—

Now therefore we Desire that the Respective persons to Whome Wee have Convey'd as aforesd may in the Next Charter be entered As Originall Grantees, in the place we held under the former Charter Respectively, as having Recd for the Whole of Our Interest of them Satisfaction in full, as Wittness our hands and Seals the Date above

John Quig	James Adams	John Mcallestor
William karr	Archibald stark	John Hogg
Mathew Morton	John Stark	Hugh Ramsey
Samuell Renkin	John his × mark Stevenson	Samuel Stinson
Alexander Gault	Archibald Cunningham	James Horner
Thomas Hall	Samuell Caldwell	John Ramsey

[*Charter of Dunbarton*, 1752.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, March 2, 1752.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth March 2[d] 1752 Monday three of the Clock afternoon at the House of Ann Slayton the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas the said Proprietors on the Seventeenth day of December Anno Domini one Thousand Seven hundred & forty Eight Granted to Archibald Stark John Stark Archibald Stark jun[r] Thomas Hall and others on the Terms Conditions & Limitations Expressed in said Grant a Certain Tract of Land in said Province about five Miles Square or nearly Equal thereto Bounded as follows Viz[t] Beginning at the main River on the Northerly side of a Tract of Land Lately Granted by said Proprietors to Thomas Parker & others & Running Westward as far as that Tract of Land Runs Joining on the same then Runing North two Degrees West five Miles & one hundred & Eighty rods then North Seventy Nine Degrees East till it Comes to a place Called Rumford then Running South Seventeen Degrees East three Hundred and forty Rods then East till it Comes to the Township of Bow then by that till it Comes to said River & then by that till it Comes to the place where it Begins to have & to hold to them their Heirs and Assigns as therein Expressed which Terms and Conditions may at Large appear by Reference to said Grant Entered at Large in the Records of said Proprietors among which it is Expressed that in Case any of the owners of the Sixty five Shares (who were to make the Settlement) shall Refuse neglect or Omit to perform and fully Discharge any of the Conditions Articles Matters and things abovementioned (that is before Expressed in said Grant) by him Respectively to be done according to the true Intent & meaning thereof (Refering to said Grant) He shall Forfeit his Right and Share in the said Tract of Land & every part & parcel thereof to the said Grantors and they or any Person or Persons for them Might in that Case Lawfully Enter thereon & such Delinquent wholly to Oust

amove & Expel for the Use of said Grantors their Heirs & assigns—which also may more fully appear By said Grant & the Conditions thereof And Whereas the said Grantees have not Complied with the Terms and Conditions on which the said Grant was made whereby the whole Tract of Land so Granted is Forfeited to the Grantors & the Right thereunto again Vested in them according to the true Intent and meaning of said Grant and the Grantees Have Acknowledged the same & Surrendered the said Grant to the Grantors & have Requested of them a new Grant to the persons & on the Terms herein after set forth which the Grantors being Willing to Comply with Have Re-entered upon the said Premises for the Breach of said Conditions and are become again Seized thereof as in their former Estate—Therefore

Voted that there be & hereby is Granted unto Archibald Stark William Stark John Stark Archibald Stark Junr all of a place Called Amaskege in the Province of New Hampshire the Revd David Macgregore Robert Macmurphy William Rankin William Stinson John Cochran James Evens Hugh Dunshe John McCurdy Joseph Cochran Hugh Jammeson David Stinson Joseph Scoby Matthew Thornton Daniel McCurdy John Carr John Cochran Doctor Alexander Todd William Hogg David Stinson James McGregore Daniel Lesley George Clarke William Rankin William Stinson James Rogers James Cochran John McDuffey James Macgregore Samuel Todd David Craige all of Londonderry in said Province Thomas Mills Samuel Hogg Caleb Page Junr Samuel Richards Thomas Follansbee Junr all of Hamstead in said Province and Jeremiah Page of said Place William Elliot John Hall Adam Dickey all of Derrifield in said Province Joseph Blanchard Esqr Joseph Blanchard Junr both of Dunstable in said Province Joseph Pudney James Rogers their Eldest sons for one Right all Living on the Tract of Land hereby Granted William Pudney & Obadiah Foster of the same place for one hundred Acres and the Remaining part of the Share or Right to Hugh Ramsey of said Londonderry John Morton Late of Portsmouth in said Province & George Massey of said Portsmouth William Stark William Stark abovenamed having three Rights it being the same man & Archibald Stark abovenamed Samuel Emmerson Esqr & James Vernum both of Chester in said Province John Cammell of Haverhill William Hyslop of Boston both in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay William Galt of Canterbury in said Province Samuel Fulton Late of said Londonderry—Equally Excepting as aforesaid to them their Heirs and Assigns Excepting as hereafter Excepted—On the Terms Conditions and Limitations herein after Expressed all the Right Title Estate Interest & Property of the said

Proprietors of in and unto all that Tract or Parcel of Land about five miles Square more or less Situate in the Province of New Hampshire and Bounded as follows that is to say Beginning at the Main River on the Northerly side of a Tract of Land lately Granted by said Proprietors to Thomas Parker & others & running Westward as far as that Tract of Land Runs joining on the same then Running North two Degrees West five Miles & one Hundred & Eighty Rods then North Seventy nine Degrees East till it comes to Bow line then Southerly by the Township of Bow & Continuing by that till it Comes to said River then by that Till it Comes to the place where it Begins—To have and to hold to them their Heirs and Assigns as aforesaid and Excepting as aforesaid on the following Terms & Conditions Namely that the Division already made & the Lots as they have been Numbered & Drawn shall be and hereby is Ratified & Confirmed as a full & Effectual Severance & Division of the Said Tract of Land to hold the Respective Lots to the person or Persons to whose Name or Names the Respective Numbers of said Lots are affixed & to his & their Heirs and Assigns Excepting as is herein after otherwise mentioned That the said Grantees make a Settlement on the said Tract of Land in the following manner vizt That Thirty Families be Settled on the said Tract of Land, each having an house of Sixteen feet Square or equal thereto on some Lot belonging to the Respective owners of thirty Shares among the said Grantees & that each of the said thirty have three Acres of Land fitted for Tillage or mowing on one of the Lots belonging to Each Respective Share of the thirty by the last day of may next and shall Clear three Acres of Land more Yearly on one Lot of each of the Thirty Shares aforesaid for the Term of Two Years from the said Last day of may next That Ten Families more shall be Settled on the Lots belonging to ten other Shares of the said Grantees having an house of the Dimensions aforesaid and three acres of Land Cleared on a Lot belonging to each of the said Shares by the Expiration of three years to be Computed from the last day of may next which Ten Families are each to Proceed in Clearing three acres yearly for the two years then next Succeeding in Manner aforesaid and that Ten Families more be Settled on the Lots Belonging to ten other Shares of the said Grantees each having an House on a Lot belonging to the Respective Shares of the same Dimensions as aforesaid & three acres of land Cleared as aforesaid within five years from may next & to proceed in Clearing three acres more yearly the two next Succeeding years as aforesaid—That David Stinson David Macgregore James Macgregore Daniel Lesley Samuel Fulton Archiald Stark Archibald Stark for one more George Clarke William

Rankin & William Stinson make or Cause to be made the Settlement of The first Ten Families abovementioned That Joseph Blanchard James Rogers John Cambell Samuel Emmerson James Cochran Matthew Ramsey James Varnum John McDuffey Robert Macmurphy & Archibald Stark make or Cause to be made the Settlement of the second ten Families abovementioned and that William Galt William Stark Joseph Blanchard Esqr William Hyslop James Macgregore William Stark Adam Dickey Jeremiah Page Samuel Todd & David Craige in Consideration of their Having paid a Certain sum of money to the first Settlers to Carry on the Settlement be and hereby are Exempted from making any Settlement on their Shares That in order to Carry on the said Settlement to Effect each of the aforesaid Grantees pay all such sum & Sums of money as shall be Voted to be raised by the major part of the said Grantees at any Regular Meeting of them according to such Rules as have been or shall be agreed upon by them for Calling the same to such person or Persons and at Such time as they shall Determine as aforesaid and in Default of such Payment that the part share & Right of the Grantee who shall refuse & Neglect to pay as afores^{d} in & to said Land shall be & hereby is Subjected to & Charged with the payment thereof & the person or Persons appointed to Receive such sum or Sums of money as aforesaid shall & hereby have full power & authority to sell so much thereof as near as can be Conveniently done as will Raise money Sufficient for such payment with all Incident Charges as Occasion shall Require from time to time giving the Delinquent Person three Weeks Notice of such Design before the Sale is Actually made—That a meeting house of Sufficient Dimentions be built on said Land within five years from next may & made fit for Preaching in and that the Grantees maintain the preaching of the Gospel there Constantly after. Six years from said may that any & every of the said Grantees who shall neglect to perform & fulfil every Article Matter & thing herein Enjoined for him to do he shall Forfeit his whole Right Share & Interest in & to the said Tract of Land to those of said Grantees who Shall have done & performed the same for themselves and they shall have the Term of one year after such Forfeiture Accrews (Which shall be Reckoned and Adjudged to be Imediately on the Expiration of the time herein allowed for the Doing any of the said matters & things) to Settle or Cause such forfeited Rights or shares to be Settled That Twenty five of the said Rights and Shares be and hereby are Reserved to the said Grantors their Heirs and Assigns & one of the s^{d} Shares be for the first Minister his Heirs and Assigns who shall Settle there and Continue till he is Regularly Dismist or as long as he Shall

Live that another of the said Shares shall be for the use of the Ministry there forever and another for the use & maintainance of a School there forever That these three Shares with twenty two of those above Reserved shal be and hereby are Exempted and fully Exonerated from any & every Duty Charge Matter and thing Relating to the making the said Settlement & from all Taxes & Charges untill improved by the owner of Each Respective Right That all Highways that shall be laid out on said Land shall be by a Committee to be appointed for that Purpose by the said Grantors and Grantees only the Person on whose land Such ways shall run not to be paid for the same and if the said Settlement shall not be made as aforesaid According to the true Intent & meaning hereof & by the last Period of time Limitted as aforesaid for the doing thereof the whole grant to be Null & Void & the said Land to Revert Return or Remain the Right Estate & Property of the Grantors as tho' this Vote had never been passed—Reserving also all white pine trees Standing & Growing on said Premises which are hereby granted to his Majesty his Heirs & Successors That the lots in the aforesaid Division Set off & Numbred to John Quigg shall be and hereby are Appropriated to Archibald Stark those to James Adams are appropriated to Thomas Mills John McAllaster's to Archibald Stark William Carr's to John Stark Archibald Stark's to John Campbell John Hogg's to William Hogg Matthew Morton's to John McCordy John Stark's to William Stinson Hugh Ramsey's to William Hyslop Samuel Rankin's to Robert McMurphy Samuel Stinson's to David Stinson John Stinson's to William Stark Alexander Galt's to James Evins Archibald Cunningham's to James Macgregore John Horner's to William Stark Thomas Hall's to William Rankin Samuel Caldwell's to Joseph Blanchard Esqr John Ramsey's to William Pudney and Obadiah Foster for one Hundred acres & the rest or Remaining Lots to Hugh Ramsey to hold to them & their Respective Heirs & assigns—That four of the said Reserved Shares being the lots Numbred twelve in the first Range two in the Second Range twelve in the fourth Range ten on the South side in the Seventh Range one & two in the thirteenth Range are hereby Granted to the said Grantees their Heirs & assigns upon the Conditions aforesaid—That the Remaining Land within the Bounds aforesaid which is not Comprehend'd within the said Division shall be hereafter Divided between the said Grantors & Grantees in the proportion aforesaid that is the Grantors having Seventeen Shares thereof & the Grantees being at the Charge of the Division & making the Settlement and Complying with the terms & Conditions herein before Limitted & Expressed and the Lots in said Division Number two

North & Number three in the Seventh Range being one of the said Reserved Shares be & hereby is granted to Noah Emery of Kittery Gentleman his Heirs & assigns Exempted & Exonerated from the duty of settling & paying any Charge tax and Expence untill improved by him or them—and in Case there shall be an Indian war within any of the times Limited for the doing the Several matters & things aforesaid Respectively the said Term to be allowed for any of the said Matters after that Impediment shall be Removed Lastly the Grantors do hereby Ingage & Promise to the said Grantees to Defend them their Heirs and Assigns all & every Action & Law Suit that shall be prosecuted moved & Stirred against them & any of them by any Person or Persons whomsoever Claiming the said Land or any part thereof by any other Title than the Title of the said Grantors or that From whence theirs is Derived with this Condition and Limitation that in Case the said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns be Ejected & Ousted by any such Right or Title that then they shall Recover Nothing of and from the said Grantors their Heirs Executors or Administrators for the Land hereby Granted nor for any Labour or Expence whatsoever which they shall have been or shall be at in Consequence of this Grant—And the lots in the said Division Called Law Lot Number one be for Matthew Livermore his Heirs and Assigns and those Called Law Lot Number two be to William Parker his Heirs and Assigns—

[*Trespass on Dunbarton Lands*, 1752.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 140.]

Chester march ye 24th 1752

Sir— By What Information we had by m^{r} James McGreegor We understood that you were at a Loss to Know the perticuler place in Starks town where the trespass was Don by Richard Ayer and others and accordingly we have Been yester Day upon the place and taken a Sirvay of the place where the trespass is Done and find that it falls within the folowing bounds (Viz) to begin at a pich pine tree by the Main River Near the foot of Ilohooxey falls and Run west: 120 Rods to a white oak tree: and thence North two Degrees west about two Hundred and twelve Rods to Bow Line then by Bow Line to the River and so by the River to the first bounds will Comprehend and take in Said trespass the Lower part of this Land was Run out for a Lott but haveing Lotts enough without it: it was not Returned nor Drawn for but Layes as Common and no more at present onley

Gentlemen we Shall Crave Leave to Subscribe our selves your Very Humble Servents to Command Sam^{ll} Emerson
Alex^{r} Macmurphy

To Daniel Peirce Esqr

To Be Communicated to the Purchesers of John Tufteen Masons Esq^{rs} Right in the wast Lands in the Province of Newhampshire

P S by the Nearest Veiw: and Information that we Cot Get their is Cutt between two and three Hundred Loggs

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[*Alexander McMurphy to Proprietors about Trespass*, 1752.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 141.]

Londonderry March ye 27th 1752

S^{r}/ I thought proper to Inform you that Mr Ayer hase been up and taken away the Loges which he Cutt in Stark's town (so Called) & Likewise those he Cutt on the East Side of the Maine River which I Informed you of Before, & by the information I had this Day he hase gott the most part of them to Ames Scheeg where he is now, therefor look upon it nesesery that you would prooSeed in Some proper way So as to have him Before he gett out of the provence, those he Cutt upon the East Side of the River ware about Twenty in Number, & were white Oacks, he Cutt them within about on Hundred Roods of Ilohooxey falls, and Joseph Brown w^{c} he Refires to in his letter for Evedence which I Sent Down to you, told me he helpt to hall them & his Brother helpt to Cutt them: the words Ayers & others, in the Letter which Squr Emerson & I wrot Referes to those M^{r} ayer gave for Evdence these are what offers at present only Crave leave to Say that I am S^{r} your verey Hum^{bl} Ser^{t} to Command
Alex^{r} Macmurphy

To Daniell Peirce Esqr—

[*Report of Committee on Line between Dunbarton and Bow*, 1758.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 142.]

We the Subscribers theophilus Smith and Samuel Lane as a Committee of the proprietors of bow in the province of newhampshire of the one part and John Hogg and James McGregore as a Commitee from the proprietors of Starks town (in Said province) So Called of the other part Each of the S^{d} Committee being Chosen and orthised to Settle the Lines, and bounds between Said towns haveing this day

mett togather for that End and after Some Conversation Relating to that affair not agreeing to make a final Settlement of the Same Each party agreed that the following plan or Method in order for Settlement shall be drawn up and Layed before Each of Said Proprieties for their approbation and Confirmation if thay Shall See fitt at any Legal proprietors meeting by them held which is as follows to wit that a Survayer and two Chainmen of indifferent men be Imployd who Shall begin at the northerly old Corner of bow next to Canterbury from thence to run Southwest nine miles then Southeast five miles then Southwest one mile then South East to the loer or South Easterly Side Line of Said bow as it was Settled with masons proprietors So Call'd In January Last and that Said Chain Men Shall be Sworn to Make just and impartial measure allowing for Sway of Chain and Rough mountains and woods Land according to the Customary Measure of towns—and that the Cost of the Same be paid Equally by Said propreties—

In wittness hereof the Said parties Interchangably Set their hands this twenty sixth day of December 1758

Theoder Smith
Saml Lane
John hogg
James McGregore

a true Coppe taken oute of the original agreement between the proprietors of bow and the proprietors of Starks town So Called this: 11th day of September 1760 as attest:

Caleb Page } proprietors Clark for Starks town

[*Petition of William Stark*, 1765.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 143.]

Province of New Hampshire } To the Gentlemen, Proprietors of the Lands Commonly called Ld Masons Right, in said Province—

The humble Petition of William Stark of Starks Town in the Province aforesaid Esqr

Sheweth That at a Legal Meeting of the Proprietors of Starks Town aforesaid held there on the Second Tuesday of June 1761, they Voted and Consented That Your Petitioner should have the Ninth Lot in the 3d Range in said Town which had been reserved for the School Lot in Exchange for the 12th lot in the 4th Range, in Case Your Petr shod purchase the same 12th Lot, and then that Lot to be

the School Lot for said Town As by an Attested Copy of said Vote hereunto annexed may appear

That Your Pet^{r} has accordingly purchased the said 12th Lot, & appropriated the same as above, And prays you the said Gentlemen Proprietors That you will be pleased to Confirm & allow the said Town Vote in Favour of Your Petitioner Who will Ever Pray &c

Portsm^{o} 25th Octr 1765. Wm Stark

Province of New Hampsh^{r} } At a Meeting of the Proprietors This Petition was read and it appearing to be for the advantage of the Public Lot as well as Said Stark the Proprietors Approved thereof and therefore Voted that the Same be & hereby is Allowed Ratified and Confirmed

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[*Permission to William Stark to Exchange Lots*, 1765.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 144.]

at a Lagual Meeting held at the hous of Capt William Starks by the propriators of Starks town on the Second tuesday in June 1761: then Voated and freely Consented by the proprietors of Starks town that Capt william Starks Should have the ninth Lott in the third Range which was Reserved for the Use of a School in Starks town in Exchange for the twelfth Lott in the fourth Range in Case S^{d} Starks purches the s^{d} twelfth in the fourth Range to Lay for the Use of the School in Starks town a true Coppe taken oute of the proprietors Records in Starks town october the 19: 1765

attested by— Caleb Page Proprietors Clark for Starks town

Captain Starks have purchesed Said twelfth Lott in the fourth Rang according to the above Voat to Lay for the Use of S^{d} School

C Page

[*Petition of Caleb Page*, 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 145.]

Caleb Page at Portsm^{o} Sep^{tr} 24th 1771 represent's in behalf of the Grantees of Stark's Town that there is a Quantity of Land of Eleven hundred Acres within the bounds of S^{d} Township adjoining to merimack River—on which four Families are Settled, and one of which was Settled when ye Township was laid out, and three others Since—these Settlements are chiefly on interval land—and that there are

Sundry Lots of Common land in Said Township as described on the Plan of Stark's town and further—that the Grantees propose to Sell their rights in Said Commons to the Grantors or to purchase the Grantors Rights in the Commons—which Said Page desire's the Grantors will take the matter proposed under Consideration and inform the Grantees of their Determination

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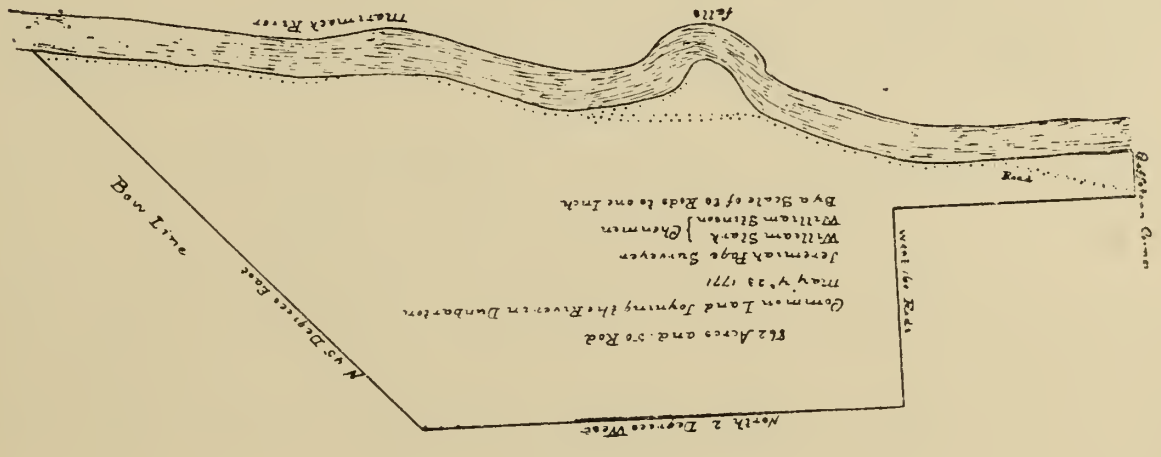
[*Plan of Common Land*, 1771.]



[*Caleb Page to Proprietors*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 146.]

Sir after Due Respects to your honour for all your favours to me and the town I would inform your honour that I Received a latter from your honour that Informed me that you had prefered that petition to the Lord proprietors which I Left with you Som years past and that thay had Chosen Men to Sattle that Effair aboute the Common Land in Dunbartun the reason why I did not Come down for to Sattle that Effair when I Come to See that the Common Land what there was was in Small parsels Laying Joying to bow Line I have bin Ever Since trying to Get that Line Setled and have not Got it done but I Expect now it will be done in a Short time and I will Come down and bring an Exact plan of all the Common Land in the town and purchis it or Devide it so that people might not trespas by Cutting of timber further I would Inform that Som of our people in Dunbarton thinks that the town have power to Chang our School Lot away for two half Lotts which is as poor Land as any in the town the Lot was Changed once before and the Lott as it Layes now is one of the best Lotts in the town and Layes handy Som in the town

have proceeded and warnd a town meetin got aboute ten or twelve Inhabtents of the town Voat to Change the School Lott for two half Lotts which is not one qurter So Good in my Judgment as the School is as it now Layes thare was not but aboute thirteen people at the meetting when thay Voted it away and not more then one or two proprietors amongest them I hapend to hear of it and went and Entered my Decent to that Voate and would beg and pray that your honour and all the Lord proprietors would put a final Stop to that Lootts being Changed away upon any Conditions what soever for it is a good Lott and Layes handy for the Inhabitents no more but I Remain your Most humble and Deutifull Servent

November ye 4: 1773 Caleb Page

[*Vote of the Proprietors of Dunbarton*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 147.]

At a Lagual Meeting of the Prioretors of Dunbarton holden at the house of Capt william Stark on ajurnment from the 12 of march 1771 to the Last tusday of June next then Votted that Caleb Page Should Go to portsmouth and make a Settlement with the Lord proprietors aboute their Shar of the Common Land Laying in Dunbartun as he think proper uppon the proprietors Charge

Dunbarton December ye 27: 1773; a true Coppy of Record; attest Caleb Page proprietors Clark

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[*Proprietors' Agreement with Caleb Page*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 147.]

Whereas the Proprietors of Dunbarton have appointed Capt Caleb Page as appears by their Vote to treat with the Proprietors of Masons Patent in order for a Division of the Undivided Land in Said Town we a Committe of Said Proprietors have agreed with him to send up a Surveyor Next Spring to Survey & return a Plan of said Land in order for an immediate Division of the same—in the mean time we have desired Capt Page to take care on the Proprietors behalf that no Tres'pass be committed of ye said Land

Portsm^o^ 29th Decr 1773 D Rogers, John Penhallow, Wm Whipple } Committee

A Copy of the Above Sent by Capt Page to the Proprietors of Dunbarton

DURHAM.

[Petitioned to be set off from Dover as a parish by the name of *Oyster River*, May 27, 1669. Incorporated as Durham May 15, 1732. Lee was set off and incorporated Jan. 16, 1766. The south line of the town was established June 19, 1818. A portion of Durham was annexed to Newmarket, July 2, 1870.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 234; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 566; Index to Laws, 159; Life of John Sullivan, by Thomas C. Amory, 1868; Memoir of Ebenezer Thompson, by Mary P. Thompson, 1886; Sketches of Civil and Ecclesiastical History, by Federal Burt, 5, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 129; sketch, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 616; Valedictory Discourse, by Curtis Coe, 1806, pp. 32; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 326; establishment of the N. H. College of Agriculture in this town, Reports of Trustees, 1893, pp. 5, 107; The Benjamin Thompson Trust Fund, Report of State Treasurer, 1892, pp. 175 to 220; Documentary History, by W. F. Goodwin, Dawson's Historical Magazine, 2d series, vol. 8, p. 292; Marriages, 1713–68, by S. C. Adams, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, vol. 23, p, 178, to vol. 33, p. 345; Sullivan House and Its Associations, by F. M. Colby, 5, Granite Monthly, 80.]

[*Sale of Ephraim Clough's Lands*, 1786.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 147.]

Rockingham Ss } The State of Newhampshire

{ Seal } To any or either of the Sheriffs of the several and respective Counties in said State or their Deputies Greeting—

Whereas John Peirce of Portsmouth in our County of Rockingham Merchant Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Forsey late of Albany in the County of Albany & State of New York Merchant deceased Intestate who was Surviving Partner in trade & Commerce of Benjamin Forsey late of said Albany Merchant deceased by the consideration of our Justices of our Inferior Court of common pleas holden at Exeter within and for our County of Rockingham aforesaid on the last tuesday of July Anno Domini 1783, recovered judgment against Abner Clough of Nottingham in said County of Rockingham Yeoman & Ephraim Clough of Durham in the County of Strafford and State aforesaid Yeoman For the sum of One hundred Sixty nine pounds Eight shillings damage & three pounds Sixteen shillings Cost of Suit as to us appears of Record—Whereof execution remains to be done—we command you therefore that of the goods

chattles or lands of the said Abner & Ephraim within your precinct you cause to be paid and satisfied unto the said John Admr aforesaid to the value thereof in Money the aforesaid sums being One hundred Seventy three pounds four shillgs in the whole with eight shillings & eight pence more for this and former writ and thereof also to satisfy yourself for you own fees. And for want of goods chattles or lands of the said Abner & Ephraim to be by them shewn unto you or found within your precinct to satisfy the sums aforesaid We command you to take the bodies of the said Abner and Ephraim and them commit unto the gaol in either of the respective Counties aforesaid, and detain in your custody within the said Gaol untill they pay the full sums abovementioned with your Fees and that they be discharged by the said John (in said Capacity) the Creditor or otherwise by order of law. Hereof fail not, and make return of this Writ with your doings therein, into our said inferior Court of common pleas to be holden at Exeter within the County of Rockingham aforesaid, upon the second tuesday of August next—Witness Nathaniel Folsom Esqr at Exeter the third day of June Anno Domini 1786—

N.. Emery Junr Clerk—pro. Tem

A Copy examined by N Emery Jr Clerk—pro. Tem

State of New Hampr
Strafford ss. } Durham June 15th 1786. Then Samuel Nutter, Robert Lapish, and Joseph Chesley Jr made solemn oath that they would faithfully & impartially appraise such estate belonging to Ephraim Clough as shall be shewn them to satisfy the within execution with incidental Charges—

John Smith 3d Juss Peace—

Strafford ss } Durham June 5th 1786—We the subscribers being chosen and sworn as above do Appraise a certain tract of land lying in Durham in said County as shewn to us by Mr John Peirce for the property of Ephraim Clough Containing forty six acres & forty one Square rods at the value of four pounds ten shillings per Acre for satisfying the within execution with incidental Charges said land is the whole of said Cloughs homestead that lies on the South side of the road leading to Packer's falls (so called) bounded Northerly & Westerly by said Highway—Southerly by Lamprey River and Easterly by land of Benjamin Doe and Joseph Smith except nineteen Acres & thirty five square rods at the easterly end of the premises to be set of in a line Parallel with the East line thereof adjoining said Does & Smiths land—Also excepting two Acres & thirty three rods of land where sd Clough's dwelling house stands beginning at

an apple tree by the said road at the Bars near the house and running from thence South three degrees east twenty two rods to an apple tree thence south sixty six degrees east fourteen rods to a black Cherry tree thence north three degrees west to the road and from thence westerly by the road to the tree began at—Annexed to the last described peice is the land on which the Corn house stands.

Sam[el] Nutter
Joseph Chesley Jun[r]
Robert Lapish

Strafford ss				Durham June 5th 1786—Pursuant to the within
Service	£	„	6 „	precept I have levied & delivered forty
Poundage	1	„	15 „ „	six Acres & forty one square rods of
Att[ce]	0	„	6 „ „	land shewn to me by M[r] John Peirce as
Return	0	„	6 „ 0 „	the property of the within named Ephraim
Justice	0	„	3 „ 0 „	Clough agreeable to the above appraisal to
Appraisers	0	„	18 „ 0 „	satisfy the within execution with incide-
Recording	0	„	6 „ 0 „	tal Charges—which Satisfies the within
Expences	0	„	15 „ 0 „	excution in full—
Surveyor	0	„	6 „ 0 „	John Griffin D[y] Sheriff
	£5	„	1 „ 0 „	Rec[d] June 5th 1786. John Smith 3d RDR

Strafford Ss } Recorded Lib 7 Fol. 246 Exam[d] by
John Smith 3[d] Recorder—

Rockingham ss } August Term 1786 Rec[d] & recorded by
N Emery J[r] Clerk pro Tem

A Copy examined by N Emery J[r] Clerk pro tem
Copy examined by Nath[l] Adams Clerk

[*Lease of Farm in Durham to John Clough*, 1789.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5. p. 148.]

I the Subscriber John Clough have this Day agreed to hire of the subscriber John Peirce that part of the Farm I now live on which he took by Execution from Ephraim Clough one Year to end on the first day of April 1790, and I the said Young [Clough] will pay in Country produce such Rent for said Term as M[r] Ebenezer Tompson Jun[r] and M[r] Edmund Pendergrass may judge Reasonable which pay shall be delivered in Portsmouth at Cash price in time and manner as s[d] Thompson & Pendergrass may direct—and the parties further agree that if they the s[d] Thompson & Pendergrass cannot agree on the Value thereof—they may then choose a third person who shall de-

scide thereon & the report of any two shall be conclusive Durham April 17th 1789—

John Clough
John Peirce

[*Auction Sale of Lands in Durham*, 1793.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 149.]

Public Vendue

To be Sold at Public Vendue On Thursday the twenty first day of Febr Next at three oclock after noon at the Dwelling house of Cap. Benja Trip inholder in sd Durham by Virtue of a Licence from the Honl Judge of Probate for the County of Strafford all the Real Estate of Henry Dearing late of the Island of Jamaica Deceased, being one Seventh part of the Second & third Division Lots Laid out to the Original Right of Thomas Packer Esq deceased in Rochester in the County aforesaid—The conditions of the sale will be made known at the time & place aforesaid Portsmouth Janr 19th 1793

John Peirce Admr

Public Vendue

To be sold at Public Vendue on Thursday the twenty first day of Febr Next at three oclock after noon at the dwelling house of Cap Benja Tripp in holder in Durham by Virtue of a Licence from the Honbl Judge of Probate for the County of Rockingham about Forty four Acres of Land more or Less being all that Land taken by Execution from Ephraim Clough in said Durham & now in the occupation of Mr John Clough. The Conditions of sale to be made known at the time & place aforesd January 19th 1793 John Peirce Admr

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[*Conditions of Sale*, 1793.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 150.]

Conditions of Sale of Forty Six Acres & forty one Square Rods of Land in Durham taken by Execution out of the Homestead Farm of Ephraim Clough on the 5th day of June 1786

First that the Highest bidded shall be the purchaser

Second when sold the purchaser shall pay down Ten ℔ Cent of the purchase sum and within three Months shall pay fifteen ℔ Cent more—and within one Year pay the balce with interest on the whole—

A Deed shall be given by J Peirce the Administrator at the end of three Months on Satisfactory Security being given
Durham Feby 21st 1793— John Peirce

The Estate above is sold to pay the Debts of Thomas Forsey Deceased by Virtue of a Licence from the Judge of Probate for the County of Rockingham

John Peirce Adm^{r}

Forty Six Acres & forty one Rods of Land in Durham as above Discribed
Sold Eben^{r} Thompson Junior Esq at Eleven Dollars & half ℔ Acre is 69/ ℔ Acre

Conditions of Sale of one Seventh part of one Lot of Two hundred & Forty Acres & One Lot of one Hundred Forty Acres both being part of the Original Right of Thomas Packer Late of Portsmouth Esquire Deceased in the Town of Rochester & County of Strafford
Durham Feb^{r} 21st 1793
First that the Highest bidder shall be the purchaser
Second That the whole purchase sum shall be paid down in Money—

John Peirce

The above Land is the Estate of Henry Dearing Deceased whose Estate is sold by Virtue of a Licence of the Judge of Probate for the County of Strafford—

$\frac{1}{7}^{th}$ part of 240 Acre Lot sold to Samuel Nutter—at 7 ℔ Acre is 34 acres & 45 Rods—	£12. 0—
$\frac{1}{7}^{th}$ part of 140 Acre Lot—at 5/ sold Samuel Nutter—is 20 acres—5/—	5. 0
	17. 0

Esqr Mathews—9½
Mr Thompson—10
Mr Nutter—11
Mr Thompson—11½ Doll^{s} ℔ Acre

[*Agreement between Clough and Peirce*, 1793.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 151.]

The Subscriber John Peirce has this day agreed to sell to the Subscriber John Clough Forty five Acres of Land more or Less it being that Land which said John Peirce took by Execution from Ephraim

Clough & on which said John now lives for which I the said John Clough promise said Peirce to pay him Eleven & one half Dollars for each acre of said Land ℔ Return of the Execution within two Years from this date with interest until paid from the date hereof and I the said J Clough promise to give my note of hand agreeably to the above within fourteen days from the date, when said John Peirce promises said Clough to give him a good & Sufficient deed for the same

Nothing in this agreement is to interfere with the settlement between the Parties of Rent to this time Durham May 9, 1793

And the Said Parties are bound each to the other in the sum of Two hundred Dollors which they promise to pay in case of non complyance with this agreement and in case either partie fail in complyance the above obligation shall be good in Law as a Note of hand for Value Received for the above sum of 200 Dollars—

John Clough
John Peirce

This agreement has been complied with by both parties and is void—

John Peirce—
John Clough—

EATON.

[Granted Nov. 7, 1766, to Clement March and others. The line between Eaton and Tamworth was settled Feb. 8, 1797. Five grants of land to retired officers who served in the French War were annexed Dec. 24, 1795. Madison was set off and incorporated Dec, 17, 1852.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 600; Index to Laws, 161; sketch, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 788; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 14; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 600; grants to Archibald Stark and Nathaniel Martin with Conway and Madison papers.]

[*Walter Bryant, Jr., in Behalf of Proprietors of Eaton*, 1768.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 152.]

To the Honorable the Purchasers of Mason's Patent in Newhamp^{r}

Gen^{t} after the Northwesterly Boundary of ye Patent was Run from the Dividing Line Between the Province of New Hamp^{r} & the Mas-

sacuetts on the Easterly side of New Hamp^{r} By Walter Bryant Esqr as far Westwardly as Ossiepe Mountains and had my Self Continued the Same Line to Pemisawssets River where it meet with the Line Run from the Westerly side Line of New Hamp^{r} I procured the Grants of two townships of Land of his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Late Governour of New Hamp^{r} for a Number of Proprietors as ℔ the Schedule Which Townships were Incorporated By the Names of Eaton and Burton Bounding the township of Eaton Southerly on the aforesaid North Westerly Line of said Patent as then Run & Westwardly on the township of Tamworth and Northwardly on the Aforesaid township of Burton and Eastwardly Partly on Lands Granted to Ranging Officers and Partly on the Dividing Line Between New Hamp^{r} & the Massachuetts. Bounding the township of Burton Southerly on the aforesaid township of Eaton and Easterly on the township of Conway and Northerly & Westerly By a line Running West from the Middle of the Westerly side line of Conway so far that a Line Run^{g} North from the Northwest Corner of Tamworth shall Intersect the aforesaid Line Run West from Conway. For which township I have Advanced Several Considerable Sums of Money in Behalf of said Proprietors for the Survey in order to fix the said Charters Seperate from Other Claims and in Procureing the Charters of said townships and in Partly Surveying the said townships Agreeable to the Charters and in Cutting the Road through said township from Moulton Borrough to Saco River in Conway and in Conveaning said Proprietors at Sundry times to manage and Act on said Affair and in Agreeing with a Number of Setlers from the Massa^{tts} to Settle said Lands who are now Ready to Enter thereon— and at the Same time had no Expectation of any Considerable Error in the said Northwesterly Line of said Patent But are Now Informed that By a Late Survey Made By the Joint Request of his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr the Present Governour of New Hamp^{r} and Your Honours to Determine the aforesaid North-westerly Line of said Patent have found that the aforesaid township of Eaton & Part of the said township of Burton as Granted and Laid Out, to be Included within the Limitts of the aforesaid Patent Wherefore the said Charters Made By his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Late Govr of the Lands afores^{d} Doth not Convey the Right of the Premises to the Grantees of said Charters the Right of the Crown Being In-Vested in Your Hon^{ors} By your Patent Before our said Charters I do therefore In Behalf of those Persons whose Names are Affixed in the Schedule hereunto Annexed Pray Your Hon^{ors} to take the Premises under your Consideration and Make two Several Grants of the aforesaid townships Of Eaton & the aforesaid Included part of the township of

Burton to the Persons whose Names are Affixed to the Schedule Annex'd as aforesaid—

In Such a Manner and By Such Limits as Shall be for the Advantage of your Hon^{ors} Other Lands in your said Patent, as well as Your Petitioner's Constituents—And Your Petitioner Shall every pray &c

Portsm^{o} Octr 21 1768— Walter Bryent Junr

Schedule of the Proprietors of Eaton

Clement March Esqr	Jonathan Moulton Esqr	Walter Bryent Esqr
Capt Jeremiah Folsom	Jeremiah Gilman	John Gilman
Capt Israel Gilman Junr	Thomas Tash Esqr	John Tash
Benj^{a} Chapman	Sam^{ll} Chapman	Jonathan Robinson
John Watson	Jeremiah Folsom Junr	John Folsom Junr
Jermy Bryent	John Bryent	Ede Hall Bergin
Edward Smith	John Johnson	Bartholomew Smart
Josiah Johnson	David Davis	Nathaniel Steavens
Jonathan Steavens	James Burley	Nathan Folsom
Edward Hilton Junr	Nicholas Duda	Thomas York
Sam^{ll} Gilman	David Gilman	Joseph Senter
John McDuffee	Joseph Young	John Smith
John Folsom	John Pickering Attorn^{y}	Samuel Livermore Esqr
Joshua Bracket	John Hartford	Nicholas Hartford
Daniel Mason	Josiah York	David Hicks
John Mead	George Dutch	Winthrop Smart
Arthur Bennett	Thomas Bennett	Nathaniel Ewer
Joshua Frost	Walter Bryent Junr Esqr	John Burley
Joseph Smith Esqr	Joseph Smart	Caleb Bennett
William Parker Esqr	Giles Seward	Jonathan Warner
Benj^{a} Smith Esqr	Paul March Esqr	Theodore Atkinson Esqr
Daniel Warner Esqr	Governour School & Minister	

A True Copy of the Proprietors Names or Grantees of Eaton att^{t}
Walter Bryent Junr Prop^{rs} Cle^{r}

[*Petition of the Bryents for Grant of Land,* 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 153.]

Province of New Hamp^{r} } To the Purchasers from John Tufton Mason Esqr of their Patent In the Province aforesaid.

Gen^{t} After the Northerly and Westwardly Boundary Line of Your Patent was Run The Subscribers & Others, ware at the Expence of Procureing a Charter of a Township of Land of Something More then

Six Miles Square and Bounded Westwardly on the township of Tamworth and Northerly on the township Burton and Eastwardly on Lands Granted to a Number of Ranging Officers and on the Dividing Line Between the Province of Newhampshire and the Massachuetts & Southerly on the Aforementioned Patent Line, which township was Granted by Benning Wentworth Esqr Late Governour of Newhampshire & by him Incorporated By the Name of Eaton and After the Surveying of said township Part of said township was Claimed by and Run Out to the Province of the Massachuetts Bay by Sundry Commitees of said province, which Occationed Very Great Expence to the Subscribers & hindred the Settlement of said Lands by Reason of Sundry Law Suits Commenceing On the Determination of which the Property of those Lands Depended. at the finishing of which Law Suits, a New Survey of the Boundaries of said Patent was ordered on the Northerly Part of said Patent by which Survey the whole of the Aforesaid township of Eaton as Granted and Bounded fell within the Limits of said Patent whereby the Subscribers are Disapointed and those Settlers they have Procured of Settleing a New Plantation As by Charter Prescribed In the Right of the Crown the Subscribers therefore Desire You would take the Premises into your Consideration And Make them a Grant of a Tract of land Equal to Six Miles Square in Your Unapropriated Lands In Your said Patent

July 31—1771—

Walter Bryent
Walter Bryent Junr
Jeremy Bryent

[*Proposals to Joshua Nickerson*, 1772.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 154.]

Memorandum of Proposals made by the Committee of Mason Propriety, to Mr Joshua Nickerson, in behalf of himself & Thirty Familys, Viz^{t} to have a Grant of 12,000 Acres of Land on the Curve Line to the Eastward of Tamworth the whole to be laid out in 100 Acre lotts and to be drawn for, one half to the Grantors free of duty & tax, the other half to the Grantees on conditions of Settlement, proper Roads to be left, 200 Acres for the first Minister, 200 Acres for the Ministry for ever, 200 Acres for the benefit of a School, time of Settlement Building Mills &^{c} to be fix'd when the Grant is made—the 600 Acres last Mentiond to be exclusive of the 12,000—

Portsmouth Novr 2^{d} 1772

Rec^{d} a Copy of the above sign'd by Peter Pearse

Joshua Nickerson

[*Samuel Lauchlen to Proprietors*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 155.]

Roxbury Augt 7th 1773

To ye Honble George Jaffrey Esqr

Honored Sir Agreeable to your advis to me when you was at Boston which was to See if I Could git twenty men to go & Settle ye Plase & you Said you thought if I could git so many that ye Proprietors would Let me have that town you spook of and now Sir I have Spook with only two man & they were So well Pleased with it that they went out & Precured all ye Rast & they could have got three or fore more But they would have none but Such as ye compeny Liked should go and truly thos that have Put down thire name are very Spriy able Bodyed men & can carey Sumthing of a good intrest with them which is very nescery to go into a new Plase & they think they can git a grate number more in a Lettle time & it is very Likly to me they can for there is but two of these that have Singed that I thought of when I Spook with you & as they are So high in thire spirits to go it may be supposed that they will Stare up outhers as soon as we shall have time to Let them know of it for you must consider thire was but 5 days to git these in I hant had oppertunety to See Sum that has told me before I went to Portsmouth that if it shold be So that I should git ye Land they would go with me & there is fifteen of them that I can git to go with me as Soon as I can git ye grant if it Should be good Land they dont care if it be 70 or 80 miles from Portsmouth & if you had ye wrighings that I have you would see that mason Right gos ferther Back then that & that thire is a grate Parsel of Land Lays dormon now in them Parts as I am informed by one ho has ben with me ho Say he has got a grant from you of a Townshipe of Land & that but a Lettle while ago that Lays 70 mile from Portsmouth & Says you are giveing out grants of that Land and he tels me that ye Land is very good & if the township ant good Land I would not Except of it as a git for these men would not go on what is cald very Poor Land & if it be Such as they would not think worth Settleing I would not go where good husbands would not follow me but I know you have a good choise—& if thse men Should be Set down on a good track of Land By ye Blessing of God it would not be Long before they would Bring up a good Report of them Parts & very Likly would be a means of indusing may more of thire aquntance to go & purches Land of you & I think it might halpe ye growth of them Parts very much there is a good may of my aquantence gon to ye Eastward & more that think of going which I think if they had gut a quanted with your Land would be as Likly to go there & more so than to ye Eastward and now Sir

Please to Lay this before ye gentlemen Proprietors that they may see ye whole of ye affair & I mak now dought but if you do vew evey thing Relating to ye matter from ye fust to these Present considertion of Bringen on so many Settlers which they must know will Sarve to Rase ye value of Land in them parts & in time it may be you will See that this your kindnss to me in this will torn to your own benefit: as will as mine & than bouth you & I shall have grate Reason to Bless god that has don this for us—

P : S Sir I Bag your Patience that I may Speak a few words more an ye affaire that there may be nothing wanting on my Parte to Preeswade you to grant this my Requst whis So just & Reasanable for if you only consider how much troble I have ben at & also have many men I am Lik to git to go into them partes for my parte I cant Say how many there will be when they Come to See ye Land for I never See Pople So Stired up to go to any one Plase before in my Life my neighbours Says they think I might git a hundred good Likly men on the considerration of giveing one hundred acers to Each man for Settleing & you See I have got thirty that have engaged to go if I git ye grant of a township & from this if I could have a good grant of a townshipe I am willing to engage to Put on as many Settlers as we talked of & I Suppose I can very Easely dubble the number & that very quick for Severel of these men in tend to Look out for Sum Plase this fall & for ther Sakes if you Should See case to grant me a township any time I Should be glad it may be as Soon as Conveniently you can & I have Promis to Let them know as Soon as I can & that it is Likly you will give me answer this month which I Pray you would & Send it me if you Please by m^r Davis the Bearer of this Letter for I can git it from him ye Easest—

Sir I hope you will Excuse me for wrighing with my own hand Seeing I could no better Spell wright nore in dite I could indeed have got Sum gentleman in Boston who has wrote for me Before to wright for me now but I thought I would not Let any of these gentlemen know how ye affair stands now as I very well know what there advise would be, I cant but hope you will give me answer in Pease & may you in joy Pease & comfort all your Days I am Sir your Honours Mosht Humble Sarv^t

Sam^ll Lauchlen

[*Samuel Lauchlen to Proprietors*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 156.]

Roxbury Augst 19th / 1773

To ye Hono^{ble} George Jaffrey Esqr

Hono^{d} Sir I Should have Sent you ye with in writen instrument in my Last but I had gut but 16 Signeers then & as I heard of more that wanted to sign I have wated for them & now they have come & Signed which mak up thirty men in all Sum more were a mind to Sign but ye Comppney told me they should not Lik to have them go & So I would not tak them in these men Say if I have ye townshipe granted me they verely belive that they could have there number made up to one hundred men that would go forthwith & Settle ye Town if I wanted So many & these men Please themselves With ye thoughts of joining together & all to Set down in one Plase where they would be all of one mind & of one harte for they all are well aquaned one with a nother Except two of my frinds that Live 20 mile of are to go with them they are all at Preseant Blessed be god for it harty Rugged man I Belive there is 8 or 9 of them carpenders, that intend to go & Sum Shouemakers and now sir you See if my Request be granted to me you my Depend upon haveing ye town very Soon Settled much better then any town you have Settled Prehaps yeat (as I am informed thise day from a man that Lives down in them Parts who Say that there is Levetts town & a nomber more to his knoldg that hant fullfilled ther ingagement (& he Say he thinks they ought to be taken from them for it & given to those that would Settle them Better which might be a benefit to ye Publeck thuse he) now sir I must Bag you to Let me know what answer I may give these man who are wateing hopeing to have an oppertunety to Settleing togeather but if I dont git ye townshipe granted to me now about 10 of them intend to go a nother way thise fall but I hope you will oblige them & me to & I tak it as a kindness Showed to me who am sir with due Respect your Honours most obdant most Humble Sarvant

Sam^{ll} Lauchlen
a Tanner by trade

[*Names of Lauchlen's Settlers*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 157.]

Roxbury Augst 5th 1773

We whose Names are underwritten do hereby promise that if the Proprietors of Lands in New Hampshire do grant to Samuel Lauchlen

a Township of Land in the said Province of New Hampshire we will, as soon as conveniently may be, go along with him to settle therein, and to cultivate and improve the same

As Witness our Hands

Job Weld	Jedidiah munro	Solomon munro
Joshua Lewis	John Bradshaw	David Baker
William Draper	David Lyon	Paul Draper
Jesse Partridge	Sam[l] Fuller	Gershom Jackson
James Goggin	Samuel Doggat Ju[r]	Phinehas Child
Richard Richardson	Josiah Fisher	Daniel Child
Israel Fairbanks Jun[r]	James Griggs Jun[r]	David Baker
James Stevens	Aaron Kingsberry	Jonathan Bird
Henry Smith	Jn[o] Pond	Joshua Kingsberry Juner
	Simeon Merrifield	

Twenty Eight have Signed here and my wife has two Brothers that hant Seen this Papper that Said Sume time a go if I got Land in them Partes they would go with me which makes ye thirty men that I Speek of in my Letter who am sir your Hon[rs] most Humble Saveant

Sam[ll] Lauchlen

[*Samuel Lauchlen to Proprietors*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 158.]

Roxbury Sept[r] 12th 1773

To ye hon[ble] George Jaffrey Esq[r]

Honored Sir I hope by thise time you have had oppertunety to Lay my affaire before ye gentlemen Proprietors and if they have not as yet met upon it I Desier they would this mounth for as I obsaved in my Last that Severeal of those man that are Signers To ye writting I Sent you are determend to Look out for a Plase to Settle in thise fall So they have aplyed to me a gain to know if I am Like to git a grant of a Township or not I told them they might depend on it I would give them answer this mounth without detaining them any Longer I verely thought you would have wrote to me on ye affair before now for if you dont intend I shall have ye Land I Desier you would Let me know it & ye Reason whie you dont for I think I am able to git more men then was fust Spook of to go to Settle ye Land So that I cant See how you can Desire to do any orther then to grant it to me but how Ever I Suppose you are willing to Let me have ye townshipe Seeing it is Likly I may be able to Settle it with Such men as will Likly to husbund it well But you think it is time Enough yet and So I may conclud that is ye Reason I have not herd from you yet: But

as I have Promised to give those men answer this mounth & ye time is a must out (I Should be very Lorth these men Should go a nother way if I Should have ye Land) So I must Desier you to give me answer Soon a Enough for me to give them their answer—& I Deseir that ye answr To my Requist may be ye voise of all ye Propritours then I Shall know how to Proseed on ye affair with out my Trobleing you with any more of my Letters—Now Sir you know that you advised me to See if I Could git ye twenty men that I Said I thought I could git and altho it was Sum what Singlar to ask man to go Settle a township that I as yet had not got yet according to your Desier I ded & gut 30 men & according to my Promis I Sent Down ther names to your hono[r] & from this I may justly Expect you will grant my Requst & send me answer if you Please by ye Berrer and you will grately oblige your honours most Humble Sarent

Sam[ll] Lauchlen

[*Samuel Lauchlen to Proprietors*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 159.]

Roxbury, Oct[r] 1/ 1773

To ye Hono[ble] George Jaffery Esq[r]

Hono[d] Sir on ye 22 Sept[r] I Rec[d] your faver of ye 16—ye Contence of Which is that I and my associates may have a track of Land of 12000 Acres of Land upon ye condition that I Settle it with 30 man & you have one half of ye Same: now this is not ac cording to my Requst nore yett to what you Said to that if I Could git twenty men to Settle it I might have a townshipe of Six mile Square which is nere duble of what you now Speek of & it was with a vew of having a townshipe that I under tuck to Engage 20 men & in Stead of 20 I have Engage thirty (& I suppose I could have got thirty more if these men should have Liked ye Land) this Plainly Shews you do not only not alow me any thing for my hon[d] Mothers Rite But that you do not do half So well by me as you have don by orthers that have had grants before for I have heard ye Proprietours Say that Sum of ye towns they ded not Resave but only one Single Right in a town & as Co[l] ackins in his Letter to Doct[r] Warrin of Boston Says that you have Resaved only a Single Rite in a town for nineteen twenths of what you have Settled and now Gentlemen if you will not give me a grant of a townshipe Six mils Squar free & Clear or at Least on as good tarms to me as what Colo: ackins Says you have don to orthers I Shall Look upon it that it will be as well for me to tak ye Sum I have Ben offred allreday or to tak ye offer I have Several gentlemen

to Let them undertak ye whole affair who offer to tak it no Purches no Pay how Lang be before I can git any thing if I should put ye affair Into there hands is unsartin & therefore I mak you this one offer which will Be for your Benifit Becase I shall then be Satisfied & you will by that means Draw a grate Number of men on your Land as well as git this Town well Settled as you will See if these men do go—& now I Desier you to Consider of these things & give me an answer with in thirty days for I have Set no Longer time before I must meet with these Gentlemen at Boston on ye affair & now I hope you will be Directed to what will be most for your Benefit & mine and So I Leve you Serously to Consider of ye whole affair and fully to Determain ye whole of ye matter so that I may know what to Depend on (your giveing me a Speedy & Direct answer to thes Well oblig your honours most obdent humble Sarv^{t}

Sam^{ll} Lauchlen

P : S this is now ye 3^{d} & Last time and if you will not hear me now I shall conclud you never will and therefore I Shall tak to Sum orther quarter to git my grevence Reedrest I should have dun it Last may only Squir Peirce Desierd me to wate til ye Propri^{rs} meat on ye affair I ded & they have as yet don nothing only caused me to delay til now & now I can wat no Longer ℔^{r} S Lauchlen

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[*Andrew Cazneau to Proprietors*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 160.]

Dr Sr Mr Lauchlen has laid before me a Number of papers relative to his right & Title to a large Tract of Land in Your Province which is thought to have regularly descended from Grandfather Samuel Allen Esqr to his (Lauchlens) Mother, who rather than be put to the disagreable necessity of a Law Suit is willing to quit claim all her right on Condition of haveing a Township allowed on which will instantly settle thirty Familys you'll excuse the freedom of my writing to you on the subject as Lauchlen is a Client of mine

I am y^{r} humble Servt

Boston Oct^{o} 4th 1773 Andrew Cazneau

To George Jeffries Esqr

[*Reply to the Above.*]

Portsm^{o} Octr 23^{d} 1773——

Mr Andrew Cazneau—

I have your letter of ye 4th Ins^{t} accompanying one from m^{r} Lauchlen and should have wrote in answer Sooner, but delayed it to ye opp^{o}

of sending an answer to m^r^ Lauchlen which is of this date I perceive you write in character of m^r^ Louchlens attorney respecting his claim of land in this Prov: as grandson and heir of Sam^ll^ Allen Esqr & to induce the grant of a Township in consideration of a Quit claim to a Title in allen's right—Geo: Walton Esqr late of Newington who married a doughter of Sam^ll^ Allen Esqr, many times within the Space of twenty years past applied to ye Purchasers of Masons right for a grant in Consideration of Allen's Title—but the Purchasers of Mason were so well informed that Allen's heirs could hold no title under Allen that they always rejected any the least proposal of a grant on that Consideration not having the least doubt that m^rs^ Walton was ye doughter of Sam^ll^ Allen Esqr or have they any doubt of m^r^ Sam^ll^ Lauchlen being a grandson & heir to Allen—but from the Authority of m^r^ Gridly and Prat and other good Lawyers are fully convinced that no Title under allen can be held after the decease of the person who conveyed to allen, the Premises being an Estate in tail—however if allen had a good title, he had conveyed his Interest to others—the Title of Allen has been examined by his heirs & assigns both in old & New England, by persons of Consequence who have drop't ye pursuit from conviction—and I am well assured other heirs of Allen would long before this time have Supported or pursued that Title could it have been to any beneficial purpose—m^r^ Lauchlen has applied to the Proprietors as an heir to allen, but they would not make any grant to him upon a Consideration of a Quit Claim of his mothers right upon that title, but a vacancy of a grant of a tract of land, engaged to others happening at the time of his Solicitation, he proposed to engage a number of Settlers with himself for a grant the Prop^rs^ consented to admitt them on the Same Terms and Conditions which the other persons, who neglected to appear, were to have the grant—and if m^r^ Lauchlen don't think it worth their while to Settle that tract on the terms proposed no great Injury is done—your writing on the Subject as Lauchlens attorney needs no apology and hope the fredom in which I write to you in answer will not be disobliging from S^r^

Y^r^ Hum Servt—

[*Samuel Lauchlen to Proprietors*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 161.]

Roxbury Octr 30th 1773

To ye hon^ble^ George Jaffrey Esqr

Honored Sir I Sent you a Letter in answer to yours of Septr Last & if I knew you had Rec^d^ it I should have Expected your

answer by this time for I Let you know that if I had ye Land I wanted answer in 30 days as those that had Signed to Settle ye Land about 10 of them was Lik to go to Sum Plase to Settle by that time if not before & now ther is two of them gon but the orthers waire with me Last Night & Say they Dont go til 10 Novr next now I Desier you to Let me know if you have had ye Letter or not & if you have had it I Desier you would give me answer to it by ye next Post if Poseble you can for if I do have ye Land to Settle I should be very Louth to miss of haveing these man altho I might have as many more as good as they for I am very well a quanted with them if I am to have ye Land & you can Let me know it by next Week they would go ye week after & See ye Land that Land you Spook of in your Last you Say Joyn on ye Carve Line East of tamworth I tak that to be on ye East Side of your Province But dont know if it dos or not which you will Let me know if you write again—

By these Lines you may See that these men have grate Desier to Settle a townshipe if one is to be had & if not that they may know it that they May know what to do & as you have moved me To git them to in gage to Settle a town & they have for So Longe time Expecting to have an oppertunety to go & Settle one I think you cant do no Less then to answer my Last Letter & that before they are to go for then I can Let them know what to Depen upon for I am not willing to Desmiss them befor I hear from you if that may be in a few days—

I am Sir your honours Most Humble Sar^t^

Sam^ll^ Lauchlen

[*Samuel Lauchlen to Proprietors*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 162.]

Roxbury Novr 30th 1773

Hono^rl^ Sir

I Rec^l^ your faver of ye 26 oct^r^ Last and I Should have answered it before this date but those men That Signed to be Settlers Come to me and Deseir me to tak ye Land So that they may have opp^oy^ to Settle together in one plase upon which I Revews your Letter and as I obsave you dont in your Letter alow me to have ye Lest Right to any of ye Land Clamed by mason So I conclued you cant Desier me to quit what Right I think I have Even if I should tak this track of Land to Settle and upon these considerration I am Radey to In gage to Settle ye Land in case ye Land be good & ye Same Laid

out into 100 acre Lots as you obsaved in your former Letter Now these are ye conditions I Expect to have ye Land upon if I have it viz in ye fust Plase I Expect you to be at ye charge of Laying out ye Land into 100 acre Lot and then to give me a good grant of ye Land with a Resave of one half to ye granters—upon my obliging my Self to put on twenty men as Settlers on ye premises to Preform ye stipulated duty of Cultivation that may be a greed to by Each Party: now I must obsarve you Speek of ye grante being mad to me & to my associates—but if I under tak to git ye Land Settled I Shall Expect to have ye grant mad to me with out these men having any Right to ye Land but what I shall give them for Settleing ye Same So I Expect to have ye Land that is Left after Paying ye Settlers Settleing which in ded wont be very much now if you ant willing to mak ye grant to me a Lone upon my obliging my Self to preform ye dutys a greed to I shall have nothing to do with it—but if you do Conclude to Let me have it then I Desier you to Let me know it as Soon as you can for Sence these men have aplyed to me a gin I am Determened to mak a trad with you or Doct^{r} Warrin & Sum orther at Boston who offer to Lay out ye Land and give two thirds of a township for ye Settleing of twon But that is father of then they Lik to go if they can have any ner which is 130 miles: N—W—I hope you will give me an answer in a few days Even if you do Let me have it or if you do not: for ten of these men are gon allredy & it may be ye orthers may hear of sum orther Land & that may Sute them so they will Leve me to—if we had not Spent So much time as we have alredy we might have had not only these twenty men but thos ten gon on that Land if they had Lik ye Land by this time thir is Six or 8 that Desieres to go & See ye plase yeat if you git me an answer before ye Snow comes for then they would know how to Lay out thir Bisness a ganst next Spring & so I hope you will Send me word where ye Plase Lays & Let me know ye name of Saveral of ye town that join or that Lay near to ye same for I Suppose we may go from thise Plase much nearer then to go by Portsm^{o} I hope you will oblige me by giveing a Speedy answer for I should be glad to have answer Ready for them by the time they are to come to See me a gain: in So Doing you will oblige me who am Sir your honours most obdant humble Savant

Sam^{ll} Lauchlen

[*Copy of Reply to Above.*]

Mr Sam^{ll} Lauchlen

I have received yours of ye 30th Novr last—and have laid it before the Prop^{rs}, who have read it—and they do not incline to make

alteration in ye Proposals they made to you and associates, respecting a grant of a tract of land—and if you and they do not See fit to accept it on those terms, you and they may decline, and others may have it—

in behalf of ye Prop^rs^ I am y^r^ hum Ser^t^
Portsm^o^ Decr 24th 1773—

G J—

[*Conditions of Grant to Lauchlen*, 1774.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 163.]

Mem^o^ the Proprietors Purchasors of Masons Pattent have Agreed to Grant to Mr Thomas Lockling & Mr Sam^ll^ Lockling each five Hundred Acres of Land to be laid out in that Gore of Land lying between Leavits Town & Conway Provided that they will each of them make a Settlement on each lot in One Year from date hereof Provided they enter into Bonds for the Terms of Settlement in One Month from the date Novr 2^d^ 1774—

[*Petition of Obediah Dudy*, 1775.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 163.]

As the Purchasers and Claimers of the land within Mason's Grant have a Meadow in a tract lately called Eaton, near Ossipee Pond, not granted or Severd by them, which Meadow contain's about ten Acres, and on which a few loads of hay may be cut—I desire and Request ye favour of Said Owners to grant me the liberty to improve the Same Meadow, till granted or Severed by them to Some other person, and upon their Grant or Severance will relinquish the Same meadow—or to their order—and pray that I may improve it this present year, and if they shall grant me liberty to improve the Same after this year, will give them a reasonable Rent for ye Same—Portsm^o^ July 8th 1775

Obadiah Dudy

witness Lucy Dudley Wainwright

[*Proposals to Henry Weed*, 1777.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 164.]

Mem^o^ of proposals for a Settlem^t^ a tract of Land of 6 miles square or equal thereto lying on the curve line North & east of Tamworth

between Mr Henry Weed of Sandwitch & the Come of Mason Proprietors that said Weed is to take a veiw of said Land at his own Expence & report to this Come at or before the last of June next & if he likes the Land Sd Come proposes to dispose of to him & his Associates 25—100 Acre lots to 25 Settlers who are actually to settle & reside on each of said lots that Sd Com' at the cost of the proprietors will clear one good Road thro sd Town & build a Saw & Grist mill for the conveniency of the Inhabitants & lay said Tract into lots of such demention as shall be hereafter agreed on—and that Mr Weed & his associates shall have the offer in preference to others of building Mills clearing Roads &c Portsmo May 1st 1777—& that the Propris propose to make Mr Weed some further consideration for his private emolument

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[*Contract with Joseph Thompson*, 1781.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 164.]

Portsmouth October 12th 1781 In Behalf of the Proprietors of Masons Patent We the Subscribers hereby agree with Joseph Tompson of the Town of Conway That if he build a good Saw Mill and Grist Mill on the Land of the said Proprietors near the Road leading from Conway to Wolfborough and about five miles South of said Town on the most convenient stream there which is to be performed & compleated within fifteen months from the date in consideration of which we engage that he shall have a deed from said Proprietors of one hundred Acres of Land to be laid out so as to include said Mills, or whenever said Mills may be compleated to their satisfaction within said Term—

Wm Whipple
John Penhallow
John Peirce

I, Joseph Tompson within mentioned hereby engage that the mills within mentioned shall be compleated on the terms and conditions therein mentioned—Portsmouth October 12th 1781

Joseph Thomson

[*Samuel Lauchlen to Mr. Penhallow*, 1784.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 165.]

Portsmouth July 28—1784

Mr Penhallow

Sir I have weated on Several of the Gentlemen Proprieters and one Send me to a nother and a nother to a nother &c—this ant what I

Expected from our formour Discorse now If you are Determend not to ac comidate the metter in questan I Should tak it as a Faver you would Say So at once, but if you are Desired to do anything that is generous, Please to give me your answer Imedatly for I Dont meane to run from one to a nother on the afair no more for I am Determend To Take the wast Land that Lays with in my Clame as I have offen menced to you—if I cant Settle the afair now with you I might have put it out of my hand before now only you Seamd to show a Disposison to do for me with out my being at that troble from your humble Serv[t]

Sam[l] Lauchlen

[*A Fragment of Memoranda.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 165.]

John Knowls of Tamworth in the County of Strafford yeoman—has Trespassed on a lot near the 7 mile tree by Cutting 500 trees and liveing on the lot

the Above is Called in the Town of Eaton

John Knowls on @ y[e] 7 mill tree

James Head not on	Alkany Hanford not on
Ebenezer Hall on	John Roe on
Jonathan morey	Doct[r] Jackson on
Ebe[n] Garland	Thos Garland

EFFINGHAM.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, June 28, 1749, to Nathaniel Gookin and others, and called *Leavittstown*. An addition was granted Dec. 20, 1749. The charter was renewed Sept. 29, 1766. Incorporated as Effingham Aug. 18, 1778. A gore of land was severed from Wakefield and annexed in 1820. North Effingham [Freedom] was set off and incorporated June 16, 1831.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 604; Index to Laws, 163; sketch by F. W. Barker, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 531; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 14; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 583.]

[*Names of Grantees of Effingham.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 166.]

For ye Center Square 10 Acres instead of Six 50 Acres for ye House Lots instead of 100 & ye Terms of ye Warranty ye Same Verbatim as in Jo^n^ Sanborns grant

Nathaniel Gookin	Thomas Marston	Samuel Marston
John Wedgwood	Joshua Brown	Thomas Robey
Samuel Smith	John Lovit	John Weeks
Daniel Marston	Jonathan Marston	Rubin Dearborn
Zach^y^ Towle	Henery Batchelder	Zach^y^ Batchelder
Joseph Knowles	Jonathan Knowles	David Marston
Samuel Batchelder	John Tayler	Abner Fogg
Joshua Brown Junr	Rubin Sanborn	Joseph Moulton
Nathaniel Batchelder	Jonathan Thomas	Jeremiah Dearborn Junr
Eben^r^ Rand	Benjam^n^ Johnson	John Johnson
John Batchelder Junr	Joseph Page	John Johnson Junr
James Batchelder	Benja^m^ Marston	Benja^n^ Marston Junr
Benja^n^ Potter	Jonath^n^ Wedgwood	John Godfrey
Jonathan Towle jun^r^	Elisha Marston jun^r^	Samuil Fogg
Abraham Drake	Jonathan Page	David Page
Nat^a^ Batchelder Senr	John Mighell	Daniel Dow
Joshua Wingate	John Wingate	John Philbrick
Winthrop Marston	Josiah Marston	Jerimiah Page
Charles Crimble	Tufts Thomas	Benjn Lovit
Josiah Dearborn	Joshua Wingate Weeks	Abraham Towle
Abner Fogg Junr	John Marston	Simon Marston
Isaac Marston	Moses Leavit	Nat^ll^ Moulton
Jonathan Marston Junr	Ware Drake	Elisha Page
John Weeks Junr	Seth Fogg	Samuel Marston Junr
Rubin Dearborn Junr	Shem Page	Ephraim Marston
Thomas Nudd	Robey Fogg	Thomas Leavitt
Abraham Drake Junr	John Leavitt Junr	

[*Petition of Nathaniel Gookin and Others*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 167.]

Novr 10th 1748.

Gent^n^ W^e^ ye Subscribers Inhabitants & Freeholders of Hampton understanding that you are about to grant Some of those Lands which you purchased of Capt Mason & having had Incouragment that we

might obtain a Township upon proper Application We therefore pray that we may not be forgot but that this may Serve as a memento til we can apply in a manner that may be more agreeable to you

Nathaniel Gooken	morris hobbes	Jeremiah Page
Josiah Hobbs	Joseph Hobbs	Ebenezer Samborn
Capt Benjamin Hobbs	Benjamin Marston Juner	Jonathan Page Juner
Reubin Dearborn	Samewell Shaw	Carter Batchelder
John wedgwood	Reuben Samborn	Joshua Brown Juner
Benjamin Marston	Samewell Fogg	Joseph Page
William Lane	William Moulton	John Tayler
Simon Dearborn	Jeremiah Dearborn	Job Chapman
John Philbick	Elisha Thomas	Simon marston Juner
Thomas Marston	Daniel Samborn	Joshua Brown
Timothy Dolton	John Leavit	Samewell Batchelder
David Page	Caleb Marston	Winthrop Marston
Henry Batchelder	Jonathan Wedgwood	James Godfree
Joseph knowls	Edward Shaw	Zaceriah Batchelder
Joseph molton	John Jonson	Benjamin Johnson
Jonathan Page	Jonathan marston	Abner fogg
Benjamin Potter	Thomas Robe	Jonathan Hobbs
Josiah marston	daniel marston	benjmen Hobbs
John Godfree	Abraham drake	David Marston
Zachariah Towle	Jonathan knowes	John Hobbs

To the Hon[l] Theodore Atkinson Esq[r] & others Proprietors of Mason's Right So called—

[*Charter of Effingham*, 1749.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, June 28, 1749.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth June 28th 1749 Wens'day three of y[e] Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of Sarah Prust Widow the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted That there be and hereby is granted unto Nathaniel Gookin Thomas Marston Samuel Marston Joshua Brown Thomas Robey Samuel Smith John Leavit John Weaks Daniel Marston Jonathan Marston Reuben Dearborn Zachariah Towle Henry Bachelder Zachariah Bachelder Joseph Knowls Jonathan Knowls David Marston Samuel Bachelder John Taylor Abner Fogg Joshua Brown Jun[r] Reuben Sanborn Joseph Moulton Nathaniel Bachelder Jonathan Thomas Jeremiah Dearborn jun[r] Ebenezer Rand, Benjamin Johnson John

Johnson John Batchelder Junr Joseph Page John Johnson jun^{r} James Batchelder Benjamin Marston Benj^{a} Marston Junr Benjamin Potter Jonathan Wedgwood John Godfrey Jonathan Towle Junr Elisha Marston jun^{r} Samuel Fogg Abraham Drake Jonathan Page David Page Nathaniel Bachelder Junr John Mighill Daniel Dow Joshua Wingate John Wingate John Philbrick Winthrop Marston Josiah Marston Jeremiah Page Charles Crimble Tufts Thomas Benjamin Leavit Josiah Dearborn Joshua Wingate Weeks Abraham Towle Abner Fogg Junr John Marston Simon Marston Isaac Marston Moses Leavit Nathl Moulton Jonathan Marston jun^{r} Wear Drake Elisha Page John Weeks jun^{r} Seth Fogg Samuel Marston jun^{r} Reuben Dearborn jun^{r} Shem Page Ephraim Marston Thomas Nudd Robey Fogg Thomas Leavit Abraham Drake jun^{r} John Leavit jun^{r} John Wedgwood—

Excepting as hereafter herein is Excepted on the Terms Conditions and Limitations herein After Expressed All that Tract of Land Within the Province of New Hampshire Containing the Quantity of Six Miles Square Bounded as Follows Viz^{t} Beginning at the Province Line Joining on ye head or upper Line of a Tract of Land Lately Granted by the Said Proprietors to John Ham and Others and runs thence on that Line of Said Tract One Mile thence on a Square or Right Angle into the Country on that Side and on the Province Line on the Other Side So far as that the Line Running from these lines a Cross to Each Other Parallel to the Line of one Mile in Length Aforesaid Shall Comprehend the Quantity of Six Miles Square. To have and to Hold to them their Heirs and Assigns in Equal Shares (Excepting as Aforesaid) on the Following Terms Conditions and Limitations That is to Say that the Whole Tract of Land Within the Said Boundaries (Saving what is herein After Mentioned to be Otherwise Improved) be Divided into one Hundred Shares or Rights and Each Share Laid out into two Distinct Lots one Of Which to Contain Fifty acres and the Other All the Land belonging to Each Respective Share. That the Whole be So Laid out and the two Lots belonging to Each Share Numbred with the Same Number beginning with one and Ending with one Hundred That the Said Land be So Laid out within one Year from the Granting thereof and then the Lots Drawn for in the Usual manner of Drawing for Lots of Land in the Town of Portsmouth under the Care & Direction of the Proprietors Aforesaid & So to be Done as to Make but one Draft to Each Share

That one Of the Said Shares be for the first Minister of the Gospel who Shall be Settled on the Said Land and Continue During his Life or until he Shall be regularly Dismist to hold to him his heirs &

Assigns and one Other Of said Shares to be for and Toward the Support of the Gospel Ministry there forever, And the Fifty acre Lots belonging to these Shares to be Laid out as near the Place where the Meeting house Shall be built as may Conveniently be Done and not drawn for as the Other Lots. That there be ten acres of Land left in Some Convenient Place within Said Boundaries for building a Meeting house and School house Upon making a Training field a Burying Place and for Such other Public uses as the Inhabitants there Shall See Cause to Improve it—

That Seventeen of Said Shares be and hereby are Reserved to the use of the Said Grantors their Heirs and Assigns and one of the Said Shares be for the use and Support of a School there Forever—That the owners of the Other Eighty Shares make a Regular Settlement there at their own Charge in the Following Manner vizt that Each owner of the Said Eighty Shares build an House of Eighteen foot Long & fourteen foot Wide or Equal thereto upon Some part of his Land and Clear three Acres thereof fit for Tillage or Mowing within Eight years from this time

And that the Said owners build a Meeting house there (upon the Land to be Left for that Purpose as Aforesaid) fit for the Public Worship of God for the use Of the Said Inhabitants within ten years from this time and Maintain the Preaching of the Gospel there Constantly next After Twelve years from this time—

That there be twenty acres of Land left in Some Suitable Place within Said boundaries for a Privilege and Accommodation of a sawmill which Shall be to him his heirs and Assigns who will build Such mill within three years from this time, with the Privilege of the most Convenient Stream and Place for doing the Same and in Consideration thereof the owner or owners of Such Mill Shall Saw the Logs of the Said owners of the Said Shares and Other Inhabitants there to the Halves for the Term of ten Years next After the said Mill Shall First work—And if no Particular Person or Persons of the owners of the Said Shares or Such as the Majority of them Shall Permit to do the Same will Undertake to do the Same then the Said owners at their Common Expence Shall put the Said Mill under Such a Regulation as that they and Others Inhabiting there May be Seasonably and Reasonably Served by having their Lumber Sawed as Occasion Shall require for building on the Said Granted Premises as Aforesaid

That Each owner of the Said Eighty Shares Pay to Such Person or Persons as the Majority of them Shall Chuse for that Purpose all Such Sums of money or bills of Public Credit as the Said owners or the Major Part of them Shall Determine to be Necessary from time to time & as Occasion Shall require to defrey the Charges of Laying out

Said Land and Other Matters and things necessary to Make a Settlement as aforesaid and performing the Other particulars herein Enjoined and Directed to be Done—That in Laying out the Said Lots Care be taken to Sort them in Such a Manner as to Make the Shares as Equal as Possible—

That the Lots be Laid out in Ranges where the Land will Admit of it and Land left between the Lots for Highways of two rods wide & between ye Ranges of four Rods wide And that a Plan of the Whole Laying out be made at the Charge of the Said owners And Return'd to the Grantors As soon as may be Done With Conveniency not Exceeding one Year

That the Seventeen Shares reserved be Exonerated Acquitted and Discharged and fully Exempted from Paying any Charge towards making the Said Settlement and not held to the Conditions of the other Eighty Shares nor Liable to any Tax or Assessment untill Improved by the Respective owners—

That all white Pine trees fit for his Majestys use for Masting the Royal Navy be and hereby are Reserved and are hereby Granted to his Majesty his heirs and Successors for that Purpose.

And in Case Any of the owners of the said Eighty Shares Shall Refuse Neglect or omit to Perform and fully Discharge any of the Conditions Articles Matters and things herein Enjoined Directed & ordered to be Done by the Grantors as Aforesaid he Shall forfeit his Share and Right in the Said Tract of Land and Every Part thereof to the said Grantors & their Heirs and Assigns and it Shall and may be Lawful for them or any of them or any Person or Persons by their order or the Major part of them so ordering in their Name & Stead to Enter into and upon the Part of Such Delinquent Owner and him thence Utterly to Amove oust Expel and Eject for the use of the Said Grantors their Heirs and Assigns Provided Nevertheless and it is the true Intent and meaning of the said Grantors in these Presents that Such forfeited Shares Shall not be Discharged (nor Shall any of them by Such forfeiture) from the Charge burthen and Duty of Settling as Aforesaid and performing all articles Matters and things herein Above Specified, for Each owner of the said Shares to do and the Said Grantors in Case they Shall hold Such forfeited Shares Shall and will do and Perform the Same and in Case of Granting them Again will Enjoin and Oblige the Grantees So to Do—

Provided there be no Indian War within any of the Terms and Limitations of time Above Mentioned for Performing the said articles Matters and things aforesaid to be Done and Performed by any of the said owners of the said Eighty Shares and in Case that Should Happen the Same times to be allowed for the respective matters Aforesaid After Such Impediment Shall be Removed

And in Case any action or Suit Shall be brought against the Said Grantees for the said tract of Land or any Part thereof the Said Grantees are hereby obliged to Vouch the Grantors or Such of the Said Grantees as Shall be so sued Shall so do and the Said Grantors hereby Promise and Ingage they their Heirs Exec^{rs} Adm^{rs} or Assigns Shall and will at their own Cost & Expence Defend the Said Suit and Pursue the Same to final Judgment through the whole Course of the Law (if there Shall be Occasion) and in Case the final Judgment in Such Trial Shall be Against the Said Grantors the Grantees Shall Recover Nothing over in Satisfaction from the said Grantors their Exec^{rs} or Adm^{rs} or any of them

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[*Addition to Effingham*, 1749.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 20, 1749, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 168.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth December ye 20th 1749 Wen'sday five of ye Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of Ann Slayton Widow—The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas the said Proprietors at their meeting held at Said Portsmouth on the twenty Eighth day of June last granted unto Nathaniel Gookin, Thomas Marston, Samuel Marston & others a certain Tract of land of six miles Square bounded as follow's (vizt) Beginning at the Province line joining on the head or upper line of a tract of Land lately granted by Said Proprietors to John Ham & others and run's thence on that line of Said Tract one mile thence on a Square or right Angle into the Country on that Side and on the Province Line on the other Side so far as that the Line Running from these Lines across to Each other Parallell to the Line of one Mile in length aforesaid Shall Comprehend the Quantity of Six Miles Square—and whereas it is Represented that taking Six miles Square in the manner aforesaid near two miles of the upper part quite across the Said Tract will run upon mountanous Rocky Lands not capable of Improvement—Therefore

Voted that there be and hereby is granted to the Grantees mentioned in the above recited Grant & on the Same Terms, Limitations & Conditions, an Addition To the said Grant of one Mile and one third part of a Mile on that Tract of Land granted to John Ham & others aforesaid and running on a Right Angle into the Country as

far as the Westerly Side line of the Said Grant first made to the Said Gookin & others and then to meet the End of the Cross Line at the head or upper part thereof with the Appurtenances thereof which Addition with the Grant first made to the Said Grantees is to them & their Respective Heirs & Assigns making one intire Tract to hold on the Same Terms Reservations & Conditions Limitations & Exceptions as aforesaid in the first grant—

[*Report of Committee to Lay Out Effingham*, 1761.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 169.]

We the Subscribers Being Chosen by the proprietors of Leavits town to Survay and Lay out S^{d} township into Lots accordingly we Set out October the 12th 1761 Survayed S^{d} township and Laid out one Devision of Lots about fifty Six Acres Each and Returned home the 30th Day of S^{d} month Survayed and Laid out as followeth: Viz: Begining at the Province Line at a Corner tree at the Head of a township Granted by the Purchesors of Masons Patent to John Ham and Others near the Province Pond So Called then Runing from sd Corner on Hams Head Line about two miles and one third of a mile: then Runing North 42 Degrees west Seven miles: then North 48 Degrees East to the Province Line: then on sd Line to the first bounds: the sd Lots Begin three fifths of a mile from Hams Head Line measured on the aforesd Seven mile Line then Runing Parelall to Sd Hams Line three miles: then Runing North 42 Degrees west three miles: then South 48 Degres west to sd Seven mile Line: then on sd Line three miles to the first Bounds which three miles Square we Laid out into one Hundred and two Lots half of a mile in Length and fifty Six Rods in wedth Leaving High ways of three Rods wide to the North East of the Center Range Line and of the Second Range Lines from the Center Each way and also a High way of two Rods wide on the South East Side of the Center tree Cross the Range. Sd Center is Laid out on the Corners of the Lots Number $\frac{26 \mid 25}{9 \mid 10}$ the afore sd Lots are Numbred as followeth: viz: the Center Range Line Begining Midway of the afore sd Parelall Line and Runing North 42^{d} west is Numbred $\frac{34 \mid 33}{1 \mid 2}$ So on in Course and ends with $\frac{18}{17}$: the Second Numbred Line Begins one mile Southwestward of the Center line on the Same Parelall Line Numbred $\frac{68 \mid 67}{35 \mid 36}$ So on in Course Northwestward and ends with $\frac{52}{51}$: the third Numbred Line Begins one mile North Eastward

of the Center Line on the Same Parelall Line Numbred $\frac{69 \mid 70}{102 \mid 101}$ So on in Course Northwestward and ends with $\frac{85}{86}$ the other Range Lines are not Numbred: all which will more fully appear by the Plan this we Do make our Return this 17th Day of November Anno Domini 1761 In witness whereof we Do here unto Set our hands

Daniel Samborn Junr } Surveyors
Benja Hobbs }

Benjin Hobbs 3d
Joshua Wingate 3d
Simon marston
Benjmian Page
Weare Drake
Samuel Wedgwood
Thomas Moulton
Joseph Page
William Mcdufee
moses Leavitt

Commitee

[*Report of Laying Out of Effingham*, 1762.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 170.]

I the Subscriber Being Chosen or agreed with by the Proprietors of Leavits town to Lot out the Second Devision in Sd township which was the whole of ye Land that was undevided in sd township: & to Lay out a mill Priveledge accordingly I have Laid out all the undevided Land in sd township into one hundred Lots & have Left Land for a mill Priviledge & Retorned Home the 17th Day of april 1762 Sd Second Division of Lots are Laid out & Bounded as followeth Viz: the first Rang Begining on the Seven mile Line two miles & two fifths of a mile Northwestward from ye Home Lots Leaving a Highway in this as also in all the other Ranges of three Rods wide to the Northwest of the Rang Line this first Rang Line Runs North 48 Degrees East Numbering two Ranges of Lots on Sd Line begining on the Northwest Side of Sd Line with 1: 3 & So on & on the Southeast Side 2: 4 & So on thus $\frac{1 \mid 3 \mid 5 \mid 7 \mid 9}{2 \mid 4 \mid 6 \mid 8 \mid 10}$ the upper Side Ending with 54 the Lower Side with 50 Leaving highways of two Rods wide to the North Eastward of the Numberd trees Cross the Range on ye Side of Every fifth Lot the Lots in generall are one mile Long & one hundred & twelve Rods wide the Second Line Begins 495 Rods Southwest 8 degrees from the North East End of

the first Rang Line then Runs South 48 degrees west to the afore sd Seven mile Line Begining to Number with 55 & Ending with 75 the Lots from 68 to 75 are but 96 Rods wide the third Line Begins two fifths of a mile North west from the North Corner of the first Devision & Runs North 48 Degrees East to ye Province Line Begining to Number with 76 & Ending with 86 the fourth Line Begins 495 Rods South 8 Degrees west from the third Line & Runs South 48 Degrees west to the Home Lots Begining to Number with 87 & Ending with 93 then Numbering 94 : 95 & So on to 100 on the Lines of the first Devision which Lots are of Differant Length & wedth which may Be found By the Plan Referance thereunto Being had the mill Priviledge is in the 95th & 96 Lots in the first Devision which Runs So far into the Second Devision as to Contain 66 acres Each including the mill Priveledg all which will more fully appear by the Plan this I Do make my Return this 17th Day of april 1762 in witness whereof I Do hereunto Set my hand

Daniel Samborn Surv^r^

[*Draft of Lots in Effingham*, 1762.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, May 12, 1762, Vol. 6, p. 229, Vol. 7, p. 63, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 171.]

Province of New Hampsh^r^ } Portsmouth May 12th 1762 Wednesday five of the Clock afternoon at the House of James Stoodly Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted that the Plan of ye Tract of Land granted to Nathaniel Gookin & others and returns of ye laying out of the first and Second Division of Lotts as on file, be accepted, and that ye drawing of the Lotts be now made at this meeting which were drawn accordingly as on file—

drawn PersonsNames	first Division	2d Division	drawn	First Division	2d Division
1st Benja Marston junr No	20	56	2d John Rindge No	3	73
3. Abraham Drake	91	12	4. Joshua Brown junr . .	22	50
5. Roby Fogg .	81	81	6. Thomlinson & Mason .	84	84
7. John Philbrick	8	68	8. Jeremiah Dearborn jr .	94	9
9. Joseph Page .	50	31	10. Henry Bachelder . .	70	24
11. Joshua Peirce Esqrs right	10	66	12. Theodore Atkinson Esqr	59	99
13. Nathl Bachelder Junr . .	92	11	14. John Moffat Esqr . .	21	55
15. Thomas Wallingford Esqr	16	60	16 George Jaffrey	80	80
17 Law Lot No 2	83	83	18. Tufts Thomas	14	62
19 Thomas Leavet	86	86	20 Danl Peirce & Mary Moor	32	45
21 Thomas Marston	42	39	22 Benja Potter	64	90
23 Jonathan Page	7	69	24 Winthrop Marston .	6	70
25 Law Lot No 1	97	6	26 Nathl Bachelder . .	49	32
27 Jona Marston jr	31	47	28. Solly & March	43	38
29 John Weeks	73	21	30. Abner Fogg .	96	7
31 Jonathan Wedgewood	52	29	32. David Page	54	27
33 Thomas Packer Esqr	39	42	34. Reuben Dearborn junr .	82	82
35 Samuel Smith	66	92	36. Josiah Marston	61	87
37 Reuben Dearborn .	18	58	38. Shem Page .	41	40
39 Ebenezer Ran	27	53	40. Jotham Odiorne Esqrs right	47	34
41 Daniel Marston	58	98	42 Samuel Fogg	33	2
43 Jonathan Thomas . .	48	33	44 Joseph Moulton	63	89
45 John Taylor .	37	44	46 David Marston	51	30
47 Nathl Moulton	55	26	48. Seth Fogg .	98	5
49 Nathl Gooking	46	35	50. Abner Fogg junr	67	93
51 Benja Marston	71	23	52 Joshua Brown	76	77
53 Thomas Roby	9	67	54 Saml Marston junr . .	44	37
55 Abraham Towle	85	85	56. John Godfrey	38	43
57 John Leavit Junr	62	88	58. Josiah Dearborn	56	95

drawn	PersonsNames	first Division	2d Division	drawn		First Division	2d Division
59	Charles Crimble	95	8	60	Jon[a] Marston	1	75
61	Joseph Knowles	88	15	62	James Bachelder . .	93	10
63	Reuben Sanborn	89	14	64	Moses Leavit	23	48
65	John Wingate	34	96	66.	Joshua Wingate	100	3
67	Zachariah Towle	45	36	68	Thomas Nudd	90	13
69	John Johnson junr . .	69	25	70.	Samuel Bachelder . .	24	54
71	Elisha Marston junr . .	11	65	72	Jon[a] Knowles	5	71
73	John Johnson	65	91	74	John Weeks junr . .	72	22
75	Meserve & Comp[a] .	73	28	76.	Daniel Dow .	77	17
77	Abraham Drake junr . .	79	79	78.	Zachariah Bachelder .	2	74
79	John Bachelder junr . .	68	78	80.	Mark H[g] Went-Wentworth Esqr . .	99	4
81	John Leavet .	78	1	82	Isaac Marston	4	72
83	Jonathan Towle junr . .	40	41	84	Benj[a] Leavet	17	59
85	Richard Wibird Esqr . .	12	64	86.	Weare Drake	74	20
87	John Wentworth Esqr . ·	13	63	88	Joshua Wingate Weeks .	36	46
89	Benj[a] Johnson	60	100	90.	John Wedgewood .	57	97
91	Jeremiah Page	35	94	92	John Marston	19	57
93	Elisha Page .	29	51	94	John Mighill	28	52
95	Samuel Marston	30	49	96.	Simon Marston	15	61
97	Ephraim Marston . .	75	19		Ministry Lot	26	18
	Ministers Lot	25	16		School Lot	87	76

Drawn at the Meeting abovesaid

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop[rs] Cle[r]

a true Copy the Record of the Draft of the lotts of township granted to Nath[ll] Gooking &c

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop[rs] Cl

[*Petition of John Leavitt*, 1766.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 172.]

Province of New Hampshire } To the Honor[le] Gentlmen Purchers of the Right of John tuften mason Esq[r] as thaire was a Township Granted to John Leavitt Daniel marston and others and this is to Inform you that the Propiete has Given Good inCorgment to five men that will Setele on Said town Ship and as thaire a Number of Rights that is not Carred on and for want of Said Rights ben Carred on the Said men that was to Seteled on Said town Ship Can not go on upon thaire work, and the town Shp Ly Still and this is to Desiere you to Graint Liberty to Propiete to Set Saied Rights up at a Publeck Vendue and aney other thing that you Shall think Proper

North Hampton Apriel 15th 1766

John Leavitt in Bhelfe of the Commite

[*Regrant of Effingham*, 1766.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Sept. 29, 1766.]

Province of New Hampsh[r] } Portsmouth Sept[r] 29th 1766 Monday five of the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu[r] Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

Whereas the said Proprietors on the 28th day of June 1749, made a Grant of all their Right Title Interest, Property & Demand in & to a certain Tract of Land in said Province within the Claim of said Proprietors, Containing the Quantity of Six Miles Square, bounded as follow's viz[t] Beginning at the Province Line, joining on the head or upper Line of a Tract of Land lately granted by the said Proprietors to John Ham & others, and run's thence on that Line of said Tract one Mile, then on a Square or Right Angle into the Country on that Side, and on the Province Line on the other Side so far as that the Line run'ing from these Lines across to each other Parallel to the line of one Mile in length aforesaid, shall comprehend the Quantity of Six miles Square to Nathanael Gookin, Thomas Marston, Samuel Marston, and others mentioned in said Grant on certain Conditions and Limitations therein Declared, and in Special that a Settlement of the said Land should be made, within a limited time therein also set forth, as by Reference to the said Grant may at large appear, Which Conditions & Limitations, the said Grantees have not been able to Comply with, and have therefore Surrender'd the same

Grant to the Grantors and have requested of them a new Grant of said Land to be made to the principal part of the said Grantees with some others taken into the Number in the room & Stead of some of the Original Grantees who have resigned or are Deceased or absent whereupon the said Grantors having re-enter'd into said Premises for the Breach of said Terms & Conditions and resumed the Possession thereof and being desireous of Settling the said Lands and Willing to Grant the Request aforesaid—Therefore Voted that there be & hereby is Granted all the Right Title, Interest Claim Property & Demand of the said Proprietors of in & unto the same Tract of Land unto Nathanael Gookin, John Leavit, Abner Fogg, John Weeks William Weeks jun^{r} Zachariah Bachelder, David Marston, Isaac Marston, Jonathan Wedgewood, James Wedgwood, Abraham Drake, Abraham Drake jun^{r} Daniel Sanborn, Benj^{a} Leavitt, Jeremiah Page, Daniel Marston, Simon Marston, Samuel Marston, David Wedgwood, Benjamin Johnson, Jeremiah Dearborn, John Johnson, Jonaathan Knowles, John Wingate junior, Benjamin Perkins, Joshua Wingate the third Moses Leavitt, Thomas Marston, Thomas Robie, Samuel Smith, John Shepard, Abner Fogg jun^{r} Seth Fogg, Samuel Robie Fogg, Weare Drake, Jonathan Drake Jonathan Marston Thomas Marston John Leavitt Junr Thomas Leavitt, David Knowles David Knowles jun^{r} Joshua Brown Joshua Brown Junr John Taylor John Johnson, Levi Dearborn, Levi Dearborn Junr Ebenezer Loverin, Henry Bachelder, Thomas Nudd, John Marston, Joseph Moulton, Jonathan Norris Josiah Marston, Samuel Sherburne, Benjamin Palmer, Samuel Wedgwood Jeremiah Avery, James Marston, David Marston jun^{r} John Dearborn Nathaniel Drake John Dearborn jun^{r} Simon Dearborn, Nathl Hobbs, Jonathan Page Junr Simon Nudd, Jon^{a} Marston, Simon Leavitt, all of North Hampton in said Province Thomas Parsons, Ebenezer Smith, Thomas Parsons jun^{r} Eben^{r} Smith all of Exeter in said Province, Walter Bryent of Newmarket Jedediah Prescut of Brintwood in said Province, Joseph Towle jun^{r} Abraham Towle, Joseph Towle, all of Hampton and Ezekiel Russell of Portsmouth, all in the Province aforesaid, Excepting as is herein after Excepted, on the Terms, Conditions, and Limitations, herein after Expressed To have and To hold, to them, their Heirs & Assigns, in equal Shares Excepting as aforesaid, on the following Terms, Conditions, & Limitations namely, That the whole Tract of Land within said Boundaries (Saving what is herein after mentioned to be otherwise Improved) be Divided into One Hundred Shares or Rights and each Share laid out into two distinct Lots, one of which to contain fifty Acres, and the other all the Land belonging to each respective Share, the two Lots belonging to each Share to have the

same Number but as the Lots were laid out, in the manner aforesaid under the former Grant & drawn to the Persons herein named who were Grantees in that are to hold the Lots drawn, and allotted to them in the former Division and the new Grantees in this who were not named in the former Grant are to come to lot & draw the same here in Portsmouth under the Care & Direction of the Grantors, within three Months from this time—That as all the Terms & Conditions of the former Grant are recorded, & the Grantees being the same Persons a few excepted, the Grantees are to make the Settlement of said Tract of Land in the same manner, and all Exceptions and Reservations are hereby declared, to be the same as in the said former Grant that are not otherwise herein expressed——That those of the Grantees in these Presents expressed who shall fail of settling their Respective Shares & Rights in the manner directed in the former Grant. But within the time herein limitted, shall forfeit their Rights & Shares to the other Grantees before herein named, who shall fullfill and perform the Terms & Conditions of this Grant to them, their Heirs & Assigns, And that the said Grantees shall have three Years time from the Date hereof & no longer to perform & fulfill all the Articles Matters & things by them to be done according to the true Intent and meaning of the Conditions, Declarations and Directions aforesaid, above refer'd to——

[*New Grantees in Effingham*, 1766.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 10, 1766, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 173.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth December 10th 1766 Wednesday five of the Clock afternoon the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

Whereas the Proprietors at their Meeting held at Portsmouth Septr 29th 1766, did grant to Nathl Gookin, Thomas Marston & Samuel Marston & others, a Tract of Land in said Province, within the Claim of said Proprietors, containing Six Miles Square & bounded by the bounds expressed in said Grant, which said Tract was granted to said Persons & others the 28th day of June 1749, but being forfeited & Surrendered to said Grantors, Sixteen of those Persons who were inserted, in said last-mentioned Grant are not inserted in the Grant first-mentioned, but Sixteen other Persons placed in their Stead, & their Lots to be drawn for in Portsmouth under the Care & Direction of said Grantors. Therefore——

VOTED that the said Sixteen Lots or Shares be now drawn for as Thomas Parsons of Exeter appears in Behalf of said Grantees to attend to the drawing of said Lots and said Sixteen Lots or Shares were drawn to & for the said Sixteen Persons as in a Schedule on file ——

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 230.]

Province of } At a meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands
New Hamps^{r} } purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr in New Hampshire, held at Portsmouth, on the tenth day of December 1766, by adjournment——

A Draft of Sixteen Lots or Shares of Sixteen new Proprietors or Grantees in the Tract of Land granted to Nathl Gookin Thomas Marston, Samuel Marston &c Pursuant to the Tenor of the Grant, pass'd Septem^{r} 29th 1766 Draft as follows vizt

	N° of first Division.	N° of 2^{d} Division.
Thomas Marston	48	49——
Nathl Hobbs	14	8
Jeremiah Avery	41	65.
Thomas Parsons jun^{r}	24	26
David Marston jun^{r}	11	36
Walter Bryent	50	27
John Dearborn	68	31
Simon Dearborn	54	10
Jonathan Marston	89	14
Ebenezer Smith	93	62
Nathaniel Drake	29	32
Samuel Wedgewood	55	27
Simon Leavet	45	40
John Dearborn Junr	95	54
Simon Nudd	49	78
Ezekiel Russell	30	33

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cle^{r}
in Behalf of Grantees Thomas Parsons—
a true Copy of the Record of ye Draft of the Lotts—
attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[*Improvements in Effingham*, 1770.]
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 174.]

Names of People who are are Heads of Familys	Nº Lotts	Acres Cleard	Acres fell	Sort Houses	Barns
	2 Divisn				
Levi Tole	96	6	15	38 & 18	
Benj Hilton	95	25	30	26 & 24	
James Titcomb	1st 97	5	6	abt 17 feet	
Andrew Hilton	93	17	10	Logg	
Jeremª Avery	92	0	7	Logg	
Joseph Palmer	78 & 79 2d	4	10	dº	
Jno George	92 1st	2	15	Dº	
Josiah Mastin	95	½	—	Dº	
James Dearburne	41	1	4	—	——
Josiah Robertson	40	1	3	Logg	

Names of People that began	Nº Lott	Division	Acres Cld	Acres fell
Seth Fogg—	92	2d		18
Seth Fogg—	98	1		2
Abner Fogg—	96	a small House		
dº dº	95	a small frame		
Levi Dearburn	98	2	Logg House	3
Josiah Mastin	93	1st		2
Jnº Taylor	37	1st	——	3
Samll Webb	67	2d	——	4
David Mastin	5	1st		5
Jeremiah Avery part of house	91	1st	8	1
Benjª Hilton	76	1		3

No Meeting House for Publick Worship—

The above is an Acco't of the settlements & Improvements in Leavitts Town—survd & examind

Leavitts Town Jany 1770 Per Jotham Rindge & Wm Blake

[*Settlements in Effingham*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 175.]

An Account of Settlements in Leavitts Town
First Division Lott N° 95 one House one Saw Mill one Acre cleared
96. one House 2 Acres feld
97 one House, one Grist Mill 12 Acres Cleared
74 One House 3 Acres Clear^{d} & 3. feld
5. One House 4 Acres Clear^{d} & 2. feld
76. ten Acres feld
94 three Acres feld
37 Three Acres feld
93 One House 8 Acres Clear^{d} & seven feld
92 One House 2 Acres Clear^{d} & 3 feld
91 One House 12 Acres Clear^{d}
78 & 79 one House 8 Acres Clear^{d} & 9 feld
40 One House 4 Acres Clear^{d} & 2 feld
41 foure Acres Clear^{d} & 2 feld

Second Division

N° 96 One House 18 Acres Clear^{d} & 10 feld
95 One House 50 Acres Clear^{d} & 12 feld
94 Three Acres feld
93 One House 6 Acres Clear^{d} 30 feld
92 One House 12 Acres Clear^{d} & 20 feld
90 four Acres Clear^{d}
89 Three Acres feld
98 One House 6 Acres feld
97 One Acre Clear^{d} & 2 feld
67 One House 4 Acres Clear^{d}

Portsm° June 13th 1770 Returned by { John Leavit, Abraham Drake, Com^{tee}

[*Excuses of Grantees of Effingham*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 176.]

To the Honorable the Purchasers of the Right of John Tuften Mason Esqr The Grantees of Leavitts (so Call^{d}) in the Province of New Hampshire Do give the following Reasons why the Charter of the said Township in not in every respect complied with Viz.

1. The Extroardinary Expence the Grantees have been at in clearing Roads through East Town and a certain gore of Land between East Town and Leavitt^{s} Town—

2. The Land in Leavitts Town being very broken and cold and the great Distance from any Settlement where any Necessary Supplies could be had Obliged the Grantees to be at very great Expence in geting & Supporting Settlers there

We the Grantees therefore pray the Lenity of the Honorable Grantors towards the Grantees, as they are doing all within their Power to Promote the Settlement of said Town as fast as Possible—

Portsm° June 13th 1770 Returned to the above Proprietors

by Abraham Drake } Comtee
John Leavitt }

[*Committee on Effingham Affairs*, 1770.]

[Proprietors' Records, June 13, 1770, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 177.]

Province of New Hampshr } Portsmouth June 13th 1770, Wednesday five of the Clock afternoon—The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted That the Consideration of the Grantees of Leavets Town So called, not complying with the Terms of their Grant, be referred to Daniel Rogers Esqur & mr John Penhallow as a Com'ittee and to Report what they think will be the best Interest of the Proprietors to determine upon the affair, and as Soon as they can conveniently—

[*Report of Committee on Effingham*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 177.]

Province of New Hampr } Portsm° Sepr 12th 1770 We the Subscribers being Appointed a Committee to Examine the State of the Settlements of Levits Town, and the Petition of the Grantees, upon Examination Find that they are Greatly Deficiant in their Complyance with the Terms of their Grant but upon Considering the Difficulty and Expence that they have been Already at, Propose that One Year Longer be Allow'd them to Comply With the Terms of their Grant at the Expiration of which Term all the Deficient Grantees Shares Shall Revert to the Grantors—

upon Examining the Returns of Manadnock N° 5 Dated Apl 24th 1770 we find a Deficiency of 20 setlers out of the 47 which by Charter they were to have had in said Town by Decr 1763

[*Thomas Parsons to Proprietors*, 1772.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 178.]

Hon^{d} S^{r} I Beg you to Excuse my Troubling you with the Following lines (viz) Some Time in ye year 1766 I was admitted to Offer Some reasons to ye Hon^{bl} Proprietors of Maisons Claim why the Settlement of Leavitts Town went on with Little or no Sucksess & had Incoragement if I carried forward my Improvements I Should not Suffer By the Neglect of others, Since which the Grantees have been prevailed with to give a Bounty to Twenty Families for moveing into S^{d} Township Others with my Self Undertook to perform it the Time for Doing this has been Elapsed Two years or more and there is Now wanting to make up the Number agreed for Five or Six famillies besides part of those who are called Famillies their being So Poor that if they ware not Supported By Others Sole & Body could not keep togather For the Settlement of Such Banditties & Likewise where there is no Settlements fulfilled the Same Bounty has been Given as for those who have Spared no Cost nor Pains to Answer the Designed End I have Expended at Least five Hundred Pounds Lm & the Improvements made by myself & those I have Settled there being five in Number Exceeds what has been Done by all the Other Proprietors notwith Standing I cannot prevail with ye Grantees to Sue those who are faulty and I must now move with my Familly into the Town & there reside with those who make themselves wors than Brutes which I think a Great Hardship—

another Hindrance of the Settlement is the non-resident Proprietors Say that they have Paid a Proportion of ye Expence of what has been Done and there rights are as much Settled as those under Improvement or at least if their right is Taken from them they will come in for a Share of those that are Settled it being Done with there money To prevent any more negligence I Pray y^{r} Hon^{r} would move it to the Grantors to order the resident Proprietors to Take the advantage of that Clause in the Grant Either to ther own benifit or to the Benifit of the Grantors, which is that those of the Grantees who Do Not fulfill in the Time limitted Shall forfitt their rights to those that Do fulfill &c : if Something of this kind is motioned and Carried into Execution it Seems to me it will answer a Valuable End and the Grantees repremanded for not Prosecuteing those who are Delinquent in Settleing what ever I can Serve the Honble Grantor in Respecting the matter Shall Exurt my Self to the utmost to Do I am S^{r} your Most Obedient Humb^{le} Servt

Exeter May 27th 1772 Thomas Parsons

[*Report on Survey of Effingham*, 1772.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 179.]

Pursuant to my Directions I have Run the lines of Leavits Town and found the line on the Head of East Town Run right & Spotted. The South West line as run and Markt was Eighty rods Short of their Measure according to my Computation & Measure

I then proceeded to take the Course and distance of the Picwacket Road as directed which I accomplished and markt for Hundred Acre Lots as will appear by a plan herewith Exhibited

The Road as it Runs through Leavits Town is Three Miles three Quarters and Forty three Rods, Pine River Bridge is in the Same the width of which is four Rods and Ten feet. The land on Leavits Town Southerly line is from East Town up Two miles and a half very Good the Remaider to the uper End mostly pine land.

From Wolfbourough to Leavits town on the Road Considerable good Land until you come within ½ a mile of Leavits Town line then pine to the line. From Conway Line to the Lot N° 14 & 15 Inclusively all the Growth Pitch pine, from the Lot N° 16 to the Lot N° 47 Inclusively good Land Chiefly a Beach Ridge and from thence to Leavits Town Line all Pitch pine. I am Gent^n^ with great Esteem y^r^ Hum^l^ S^t^

Ebenezer Thompson

To Messrs Danl Peirce George Jaffry and Daniel Rogers Esqr Mr John Penhallow & Peter Peirce a Committee of Masons Propriety—

Durham Novem^r^ 16th 1772

N B the Bound Trees on the Road are double Markt & Number^d^

[*Petition of Inhabitants of Effingham*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 180.]

To the Honab^le^ Proprietors Claiming Lands in the Province of New Hampshire Under John Tufton Mason Esqr Humbly sheweth the Inhabitants of the Township of Leavitts Town That in Expectation of a Speedy & Generall Settlement of Said Township they ware Induced to Expose themselves and Substance to the Fatigue and Expence of becomeing Inhabitants And being remote from Neighbouring settlements The Burthen of Repairing roads the want of a School and Priviledges of Publick worship upon the Lords Day become Very Burthensome, The roads between East Town settlements and Leavitts Town has cost Leavitts Town Proprietors upwards of one Hundred

pounds L. M; all that has been Done by East Town Proprietors is Cutting out a roade in a Different place, leaveing the Slows without so much as one Cosway over them, and the Bridges over Pine River have been Built so Long, that it's Dangerous for man & Beast to Pass over them, Some have in the Year Past narrowly Escaped Loosing their lives The Number of Families Now resideing in this Place is Seventeen which contain Sixty foure Children the want of Publick worship on the Lords Day and a School of Learning as we Humbly conceive Exposes them to that Degree of Ignorance that in a few years more, their age will not Admitt of a Remedy The Prospect we at Present have of any Considerable number of Familyes being aded to us, Shews a Dull aspect, for Few if any Attemps are makeing by the grantees for that End an Increse of which we consceive to be our only remedy Your Memorialests Therefor humbly Pray your Hon^{rs} would Pint out a remedy whereby this Town may become more Generally Settled and also whereby the road from East Town Settlements and through the gore may be made Passable without Indangering our lives & Substance or allow us that have Fulfilled a Settlement to Take the Advantage of that Clause in the Grant which as we Humbly Consceive Intitles us to those of the Grantees rights that have not Complyed With the Terms of Settlement; but without your Approbation shall not attempt or Presume To Do it what way soever your Hon^{rs} are Plesed to bring forward the Settlement will be Greatfully Acknowledge by your Petitioners as it will Conduce as we Humbly Conceive to the good and Interest of Community as well as Individuals and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Leavitts Town March ye 8th 1773—

Benjamin Brown	James Champernon	Josiah Gorge
Samel Dalton	David Hicks	Robert Brown
Thomas Parsons	John Leavitt	James Marston
Jeremiah Avery	Andrew Hitton	Weare Drake
Carr Leavitt	Levi Couse	

[*Location of John Peirce's Land.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 181.]

John Peirce has Located his five Hundred Acres of Land Granted by the Proprietors on the Head of Leavitstown & contains Lots N° 105 N° 106 N° 108 N° 109 N° 110 contain^{g} 100 Acres each and are a part of that Division of 100 Acre Lots bounding on the Province Line—

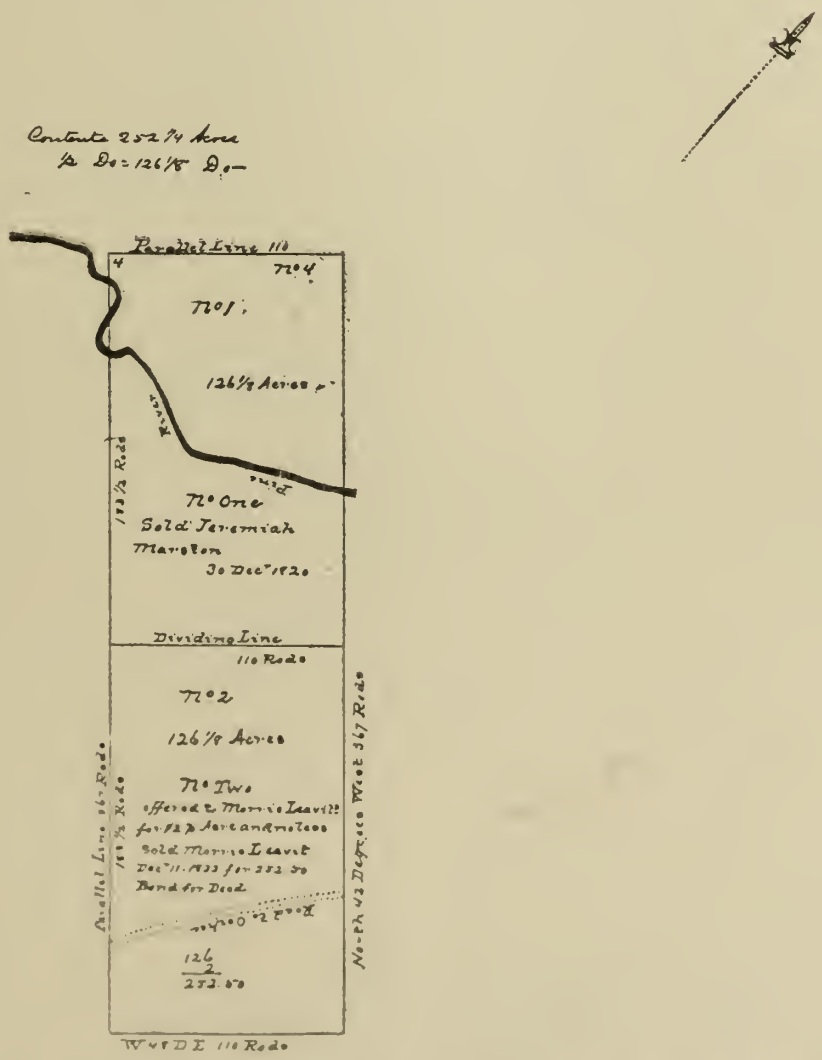
[*Valuation of Lots in Effingham.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 181.]

Valuation of Sundry Lots of Land in Effingham

		$ Cts	
Lot N° 84–2nd	Division estimated at	1.50	per Acre
Lot N° 84 1st	D° D° at	2.50	per D°
Lot N° 4–2	Range, (average price)	1.00	per D°
Lot N° 99–1–	D° estimated at	2.00	pr d°

[*Plan of No.* 4, 2*d Range.*]

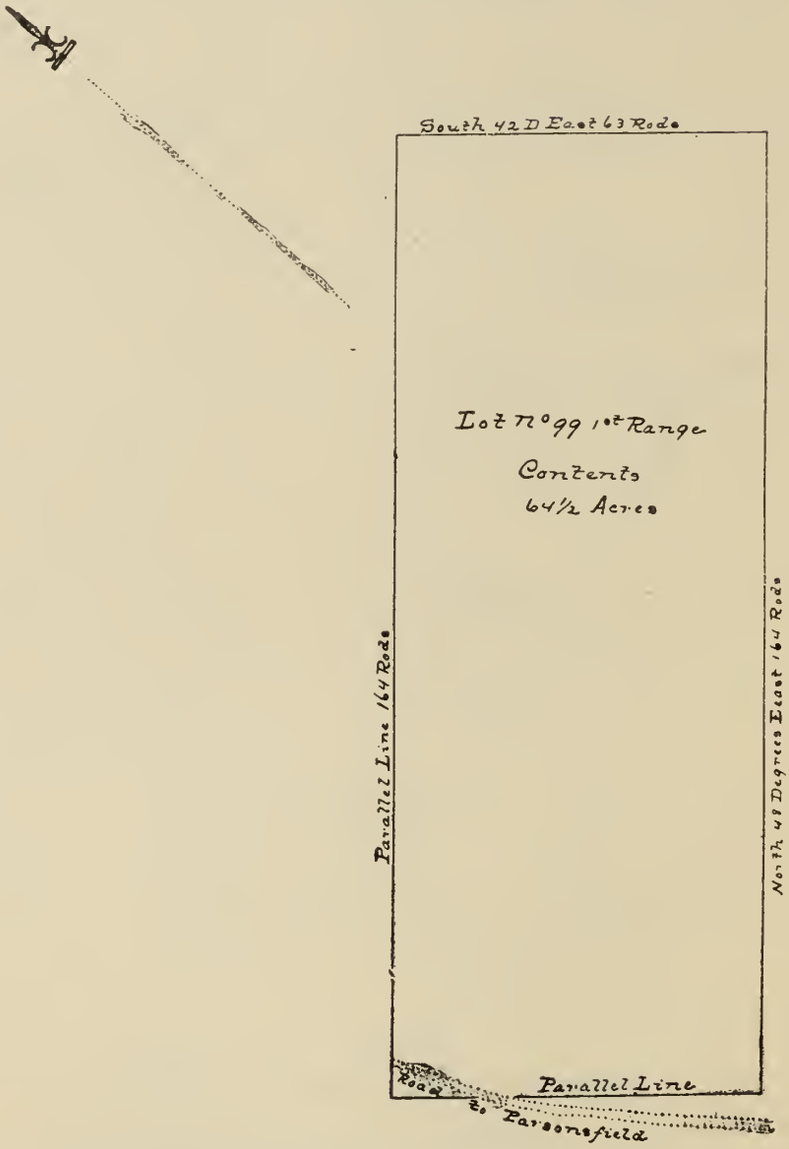


A Plan representing Lot numb 4—Second Division & Second Range in the Town of Effingham in right of Mark H. Wentworth Containing 252¼ Acres the lines run and marked and Corners renewed and the Contents of the Lot ascertained by Actual Admeasurement

B.. Cook Surv^r

Wakefield 26 May 1820
N° 1—75—150
N° 2 125—250
Protracted by A Scale of 50 Rods to an Inch

[*Plan of No. 99, 1st Range.*]



A Correct Plan representing Lot numbered 99 in the first Range, and 1st Division of Lots in the Town of Effingham in the right of Mark H Wentworth Containing 64½ Acres—the Lines mark'd & Corners renew'd, and the Contents Ascertained by actual Admeasurement

June 8th 1820 B.. Cook Surv^r

light land—has been cut over by tresspassers—now bushes—good plough Land worth 12/

Protracted by A Scale of 20 Rods to an Inch

EPSOM.

[Granted May 18, 1727, to Theodore Atkinson and others. The first meeting was held in 1743.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 246; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 628; Index to Laws, 168; sketch, by J. H. Dolbeer, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 443; Historical Sketch, by Jonathan Curtis, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 321; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 382.]

[*Vote of Proprietors for Town of Epsom.*]

[Masonian Papers.]

One Tract of Land to be laid out at the head of Nottingham & northward of the land formerly Granted to the Children of Col° Samuel Allen Deceased and the same to be six miles in breadth and four miles in depth or in such other form as the land ungrant^{d} in y^{t} place will admitt so as it Contains ye Same quantity of Land & the same to be a Town Corporate by the name of Epsom to the ℔sons aforesaid forever—

Examin^{d} ℔ Geo: Jaffrey

FITZWILLIAM.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors as *Monadnock No.* 4, Jan. 15, 1752, to Roland Cotton and others. Regranted May 2, 1765, to Col. Sampson Stoddard and others, and sometimes called *Stoddard's-town.* Incorporated as Fitzwilliam May 19, 1773, and named in honor of the Earl of Fitzwilliam. A portion of this town was included in the limits of Troy, incorporated June 23, 1815. The line between Fitzwilliam and Rindge was established June 17, 1847.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 670; Index to Laws, 190; History, by John F. Norton, 1888, pp. 829; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 200; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 151; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 260; Deaths, 1802–'22, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 235; Catalogue of the Instructors, Lecturers, and Members of the Cheshire County Teachers' Institute, April 17–29, 1865, pub. 1865, pp. 50; Confession of Faith and Covenant, Also a Brief History of the Congregational Church, with Catalogue of Members, 1854, pp. 27; Census Report of the Town, 1877, pp. 36.]

[*Charter of Fitzwilliam*, 1752.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 1.]

Province of } Pursuant to the Power & Authority Granted &
New Hamp^{r} } Vested in me the Subscriber By the Prop^{rs} of Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr in the Province of New Hamp^{r} by their Vote Pass'd at their Meeting held at Portsm^{o} in Said Province—

I do by these Presents on the Terms & Limitations hereafter Express'd Give & Grant all the Right Possession & Property of the Prop^{rs} afores^{d} unto Roland Cotton Josiah Cotton Matthew Thornton Samp^{n} Stoddard Thomas Read William Lawrance John Stevens Joseph Blanchard j^{r} Isaac Woods Samuel Shattuck Thomas Parker j^{r} Capt Peter Powers Capt John Chamberlain Maj^{r} Zacch^{s} Lovewell Benj^{a} Bellows Jos: Emerson Jeremiah Shattuck William Spaulding Jonathan Blanchard William Cumings of Dunstable Jonathan Lovewell Saml Cumings Robert Usher Capt Jonathan Cumings Jon^{a} Cumings j^{r} Joseph Read Samuel Stevens John Woods Daniel Stickney John Honey Eben^{r} Peirce Henery Wright Samuel Fowl Paul March Willm E. Treadwell Jeremiah Libbey j^{r} George Libbey Edmund Grouard Charles Treadwell Nathaniel Treadwell & Jacob Treadwell j^{r} of in & unto that Tract of Land or Township Called Monad^{k} N^{o} four Bounded as followeth Begining at the West Line of Masons Patent So Called Where that Crosses the Dividing Line Between the Province of the Mass^{a} Bay & the Province of New Hamp^{r} & runs from thence South Eighty Deg^{rs} East by Said Line Six miles to the S^{o} West Corner of the S^{o} Monad^{k} Township from thence North by the Needle by Said Township five miles to the North West Corner of S^{o} Monad^{k} aforesaid from thence North Eighty Degrees West by Middle Monad^{k} Township One Mile & a Quarter to the S^{o} West Corner thereof thence North by the Needle two Miles & forty rods & from thence North Eighty Degrees till it Comes to the Patent West Line as Lately Marked & from thence Southerly by that Line to the first Bounds Mentioned To their heirs & assigns To have & To hold on the following Terms & Conditions (that is to say) that there be five hundred acres of Land in Some Convenient place Lay'd out in a Square form in Said Township & Divided Into fifty Lots Also that to Each of the Said fifty Lots there be five Acres of Meadow Lay'd out or Good Land & Coupled to the Said fifty Lots in an Equitable Manner So as to Make them of Equal Value as Near as May be, That there be Lay'd out & Reserv'd for the Grantors two hundred Acres in Such part of the town of Equal Goodness with the aforesaid Lots & that the Remainder of the Lands in Said Township be Divided

Into one hundred & Twenty three Equal Shares & Drawn for in Some Equitable manner all to be Compleated at or Before the Last Day of June Next that three of the Afores^{d} Shares be Granted & Appropriated free of all Charge one for the first Settled minister one for the ministry & one for the school there forever one Lot for Each Said Shares to be first Lay'd out in Conven^{t} place Near the middle of the Town & Lotts Coupled to them So as Not to be Drawn for—That twenty more of the Shares be Reserved for the Grantors their heirs & assigns forever & Acquitted from all Duty & Charge untill Improved by the Owners or Some holding under them Respectively That the Remaining hundred Shares be Appropriated to the Grantees aforesaid in the following manner Viz Roland Cotton four Shares Josiah Cotton four Shares to Matthew Thornton Six Shares to Col^{o} Sampson Stoddard twenty Shares Isaac Woods one Share Samuel Shattuck two shares Thomas Parker Junr Six Shares Peter Powers Two Shares Capt Thos Reed four Shares Capt John Chamberlain two Shares Maj^{r} Zacch^{s} Lovewell two Shares John Stevens Esqr two Shares William Lawrance Esqr two Shares Benjamin Bellows two Shares Joseph Emerson One Share Jeremiah Shattuck one Share William Spaulding one Share William Cumings of Dunstable two Shares Jon^{a} Lovewell three Shares Joseph Blanchard Junr two Shares Saml Cumings two Shares Robert Usher two Shares Capt Jon^{a} Cumings one Share Jon^{a} Cumings j^{r} one share Joseph Read two Shares Samuel Stevens two Shares John Woods one Share Danl Stickney two Shares John Honey one Share Ebenez^{r} Peirce one Share Henry Wright j^{r} one Charles Treadwell one share Jeremiah Libbey j^{r} one Share Edmund Grouard Two Shares Jacob Treadwell Junr one Share William Earl Treadwell one Share Samuel Fowl two Shares Paul March one Share George Libbey one share Nathl Treadwell one Share Jonathan Blanchard four Shares—That all the Lotts in Said Town be Subject to have all Necessary Roads Lay'd out thro' them for the future as there Shall be Occasion Free from all Charge of Purchasing the Land; That at or Before the Last day of November A. D. 1755. there be three Acres of Each of the fifty fifteen Acre Lots as aforesaid Cleard & Inclosed by a Particular or General Fence & fitted for Mowing or Tillage on Each of the fifteen Acre Lotts aforesaid & further one Acre more in Like Manner Afterwards Annually till Six Years more are Compleated on Each Lot that Within Seven Years from this Date there be fifty houses built in Said town of one room Sixteen feet Square at the Least With a Convenient Chimney & Cellar fitted & finished for Comfortable Dwelling therein & a family or Some Person Inhabiting In Each house & Continue Residency or Inhabitancy & Annually During the Said four Years to Clear Inclose & fit for Mowing or Tillage in Like Manner as Before

Expressed & Each Lot as fast as they are Clear'd & Inclosed as aforesaid to be Improved untill the Whole term aforesaid is Compleated So that the Whole of the Land to be Cleard as aforesaid be Subdued & Bro't too that the Several Settlements & Improvements be Done by the Grantees hereafter Named In the Several Proportions Set to Each Grantees Name Viz Roland Cotton two Settlements Josiah Cotton two Matthew Thornton three Col° Sampson Stoddard ten Isaac Woods One Thos Parker j^{r} three Peter Powers one Thomas Read Esqr two Capt John Chamberlain one Maj^{r} Zacch^{s} Lovewell one John Stevens Esqr one Benjamin Bellows one Samuel Shattuck one Jeremiah Shattuck one Jonathan Blanchard one William Cumings one Jos : Blanchard jun^{r} one Samuel Cumings one Robert Usher one Jon^{a} Cumings j^{r} one Joseph Read one Samuel Stevens one Daniel Stickney one John Honey one Eben^{r} Peirce one Henry Wright j^{r} one Saml Fowl one Wm Earl Treadwell one Joseph Emerson one William Lawrance for one Jon^{a} Lovewell one Jeremiah Libbey jun^{r} one That Each of the S^{d} Grantees at the Executing of this Instrument Pay twenty pounds Cash old Ten^{r} to Defray the Necessary Charges Risen & Arising in Said Township to be Deposited In the hands of Such Person as the Grantees shall Chuse being a freeholder & Resident In the Province of New Hamp^{r}, That a Good Convenient Meeting house be Built in Said Township as Near the Center of Said Town as May With Conveniency within ten Years from this date & ten Acres of Land Reserved there for Public Use—That the aforesaid Grantees or their Assigns by a Maj^{r} Vote In a Public Meeting Called for that Purpose Grant & Assess Such further Sum or Sums of money as they Shall think Necessary for Carrying forward & Compleating the Settlement aforesaid & any of the Grantees Exclusive of the three Public Lots aforesaid Who Shall Neglect for the Space of three Months Next after Such Assesment Shall be Granted made & Posted up In the place Where Notice Shall be Given for Calling Meetings to Pay ye same so much of Such Delinquents Right Respectively Shall or May be Sold as Will pay the Tax & all Charges arising thereon by a Committee of the Grantees appoint^{d} for that Purpose, That all White pine Trees fit for Masting his Majestys Royal Navey Growing on Said Tract of Land be & hereby are Granted to his Majesty his heirs & Successors forever & In Case any of the Grantees shall Neglect or Refuse to Perform any of the Articles aforementioned by them Respectively to be Done he Shall forfeit his Share & Right In Said Township & Every Part & Parcel thereof to those of the Grantees that Shall have Comply'd With the Conditions on their Parts herein Express'd & it shall & May be Lawful for them or any Person by their Authority to Enter Into & upon the Right of Such Delinquent Owner & Any &

Every part thereof In the Name of the Whole of the Settlers that Shall have Complyed as aforesaid or the Major Part of them & him & them to Amove Oust & Expell for the Use of those that have Comply'd their heirs & Assigns—Provided they Settle or Cause to be Settled Each Such Delinquents Right Within the Term of one Year at furthest from the Period that is by this Grant Stipulated to be Done as the Condition of this Grant & fully Discharge & Comply With the Whole Duty such Delinquent Ought to have Done Within one Year from the time after the Respective Periods thereof & In Case the Said Grantees fulfilling their Parts as afores^{d} Shall Neglect the duty of any Delinquent Owner nor he himself Perform it as afores^{d} that then such share or Shares Shall be forfeited Revert & Belong to the Grantors their heirs & assigns & to be Wholly at their Disposal, Allways Provided there be no Indian Warr in any of the terms Limited as aforesaid for Doing the Duty Conditioned In this Grant to be Done & In Case that Should happen the Same time to be allowed for the Respective matters aforesaid After Such Impediment Shall be Remov'd, To all Which Promises I Joseph Blanchard Agent for & In Behalf of the Grantors have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this 15th Day of Jany in ye 25th Year of his Majesty's Reign A. D. 1752

Joseph Blanchard & { Seal }

a Copy Exam^{d} p^{r} Jon^{a} Lovewell Clerk

[*Petition of Stoddard and Blanchard*, 1765.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 2.]

Province of New Hampsh^{r} } To the Proprietors of the Land Claimed under John Tufton Mason Esqr Commonly called Masons Grant or Patent May 1^{t} 1765—

The Petition of Col^{o} Sampson Stoddard & Jon^{a} Blanchard—Humbly Shews—

That the Tract of Land called Monadnock number four Granted in your right in the Year 1752 to Sundry Persons named in the Grant the Major part of whose claims were finally vested in your Petitioners But as the Grantees were not able to fulfil the Conditions of the Grant they must and Do hereby acknowledge it is justly forfeited according to the Terms and Conditions in said Grant mentioned And

therefore we do (to avoid further Trouble) Surrender the Said Tract of Land & Pray that after You have caused a Re-Entry & Resumption thereof to be made, You would be pleased to Grant your Right title & Demand in & to the Same to the Several Grantees agreeable to a Schedule herewith Presented being Principally the Same who were named as Grantees aforesaid on Such Terms and Conditions as you shall now Judge Reasonable

Sampson Stoddard
Jon[a] Blanchard—

[*Regrant of Fitzwilliam*, 1765.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, May 1, 1765.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth May 1st 1765. Wednesday five of the Clock Afternoon at the dwelling house of Cap[t] James Stoodly Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

WHEREAS the said Proprietors on the 6th day of December 1751 Authoriz'd and Impower'd Joseph Blanchard late of Dunstable in said Province Esq[r] to Grant their right, Title, & Interest, in & to the Lands within their Claim to such Persons, as would Ingage to Settle & Improve the same under such Limitations, and Conditions, as were just & reasonable—Pursuant to which Power he on the 15th day of January–Anno Domini 1752 Granted to Roland Cotton, Josiah Cotton Matthew Thornton, Sampson Stoddard, Thomas Read William Lawrence, John Stevens, and thirty four others, all the right Title, Interest, Claim, Property, and Demand of said Proprietors, of, in & unto that Tract of Land called Monadnock Number four bounded as follows, "Beginning at the West line of Masons Patent so called, "where that Crosses the dividing line between the Province of the "Massachusetts Bay & the Province of New Hampshire, and runs "from thence South Eighty Degrees East by said line Six miles to "the South West Corner of the South Monadnock Township, from "thence North by the Needle by said Township five miles to the "North West Corner of South Monadnock aforesaid, from thence "North Eighty Degrees West by middle Monadnock Township, one "Mile & a Quarter to the South West corner thereof, thence North "by the Needle two Miles & forty rods, and from thence North Eighty "Degrees, till comes to the Patent West Line, as lately marked, "and from thence Southerly by that Line, to the first Bounds men-"tioned." To have and to hold to them their Heirs and Assigns, on the Terms and Conditions, in said Grant expressed, with a right of

re Entry reserved on the failure or Default of performing, and fully complying with the same, as may more fully appear by reference to said Grant. And whereas the said Grantees have Incurr'd the forfeiture of said Grant by not fullfilling the said Conditions within the Term limited, and tho' by Sufferance and forbearance, a longer time has been allowed, which yet has not availed — Whereupon the Grantors have Re-Enter'd, & resumed the Possession of said Tract of Land, & the said Grantees acknowledging their Neglect and Default herein, and the said right of resumption have peaceably Surrendered the same, and have Petition'd the said Proprietors to make a new Grant thereof to the Petitioners (principally the former Grantees) all which having been duly Consider'd, and also that many of them had done something in order to Improvement, and that it wou'd be more Equitable they should have the Advantage thereof than Strangers— THEREFORE

VOTED That all the right, Title, Interest, Property, Claim and Demand of the said Proprietors be & hereby is Granted to Col° Sampson Stoddard Esqr Edmund Grouard, Jacob Treadwell Junr Jonathan Lovewell and Nineteen others, whose names are mentioned in the Schedule or List hereunto Annex'd, making twenty three in the whole, in & to the said Tract of Land, above Described on the Terms, Conditions, and Limitations hereafter Expressed —To have and to hold to them & their Several and respective Heirs & Assigns in Severalty, as the same has been Divided into Seperate lots, and as the said Lots are Number'd, and Set to the Respective names in said Schedule on the following Terms, Conditions, & Limitations—

FIRST That twenty of the Shares as the same are Severed allotted, and Divided, Numberd & fixed to the Several names in the said Schedule be & hereby is reserved to the use of the Grantors, their Heirs & Assigns free & Exempted of & from all charges of Settlement, and all other Charges until Improved by them their Heirs & Assigns and also that two hundred Acres laid out for the Grantors at the North Easterly part of said Tract of Land, as appears by said Schedule, and a Plan thereof be in like manner reserved to them, their Heirs and Assigns—

SECONDLY That three of the aforesaid Shares be and hereby, are Appropriated, one for the first Settled Minister, one for the use of the Ministry, and one for the use of a School on said Tract of Land when Settled—

THIRDLY that the remaining Shares be & hereby are granted and appropriated to the Several Persons and Sever'd to them respectively, as is mentiond & number'd in said Schedule, and each Lot of Land in said Tract shall be Subject to have necessary highways laid out

thro' them, as there shall be Occasion hereafter, free from the Charge of Purchasing the Land; that is the owners of said Lots shall not be paid for that part thereof which shall be so necessarily laid out in high Ways, untill an Incorporation, & then to come under the rules of Law in that Regard—

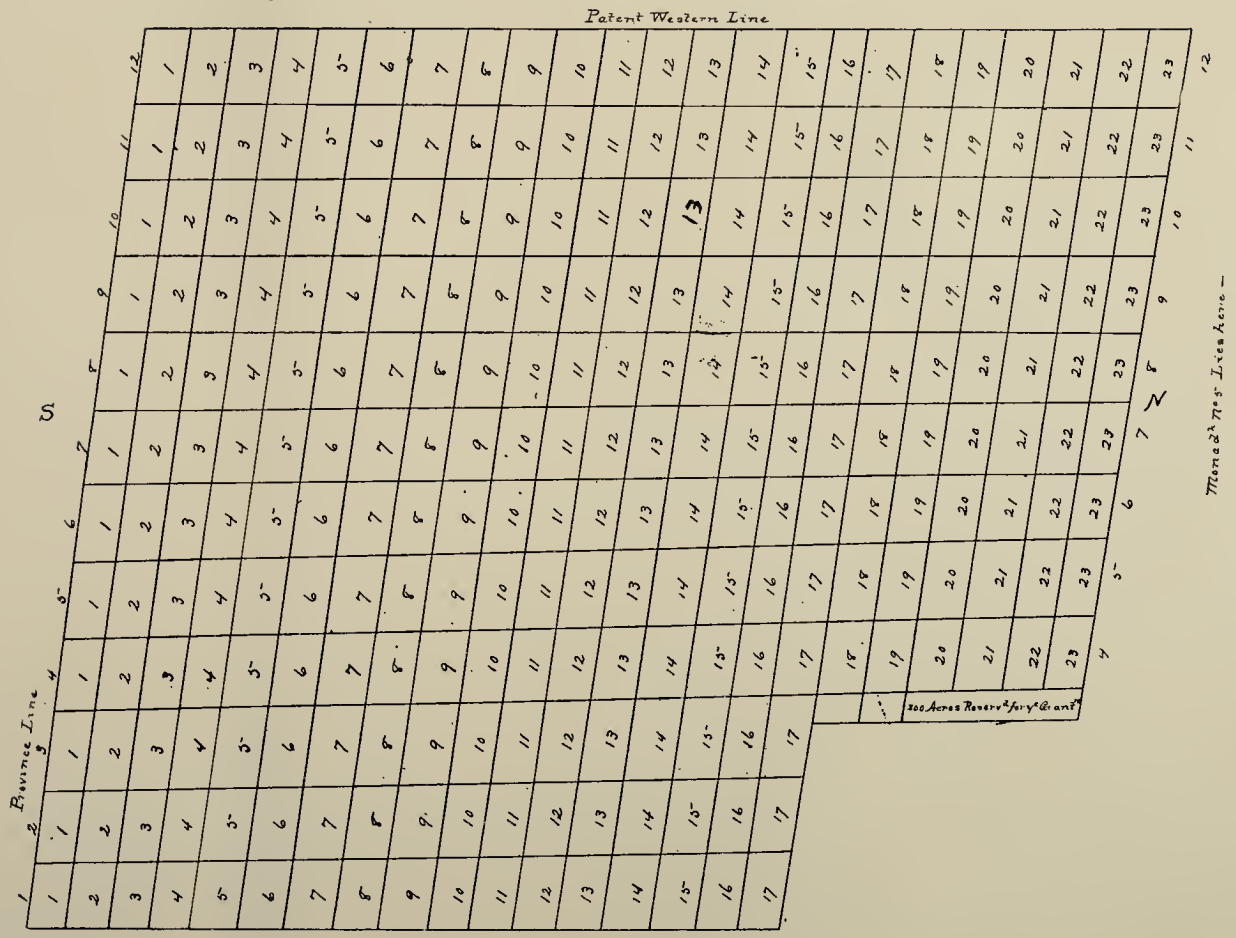
FOURTHLY That the Grantees aforesaid (Subject to the duty of Settlement) Build Fifty houses on said Tract of Land, such Shares to have one house, on one of the Lots belonging to it respectively, as the Grantees shall Determine by Regular votes, according to their Interests, within three Years from the Date hereof each house to be built so as to have one Room Sixteen feet Square or Equal thereto, and also to have Twelve Acres of Land, Cleared, & fitted for Tillage Pasturing & Mowing within the Term of three Years, and to add an Acre more Annually, till the Inhabitants there shall be Incorporated, on Each share, the said houses to be well fitted and made Comfortable habitations and the said Land to be cleared in a good Husbandman-like manner, and every Particular Grantee aforesaid shall pay his due Proportion of all Taxes & Charges necessary to the making said Settlement in the articles aforesaid & in what follows on Pain of forfeiting his right in said Land, or so much thereof, as shall answer his Proportion of such Taxes & Charges, to be Dispos'd of by a Com^{tee} Chosen by a Major part of the Grantees (appointed for that Purpose)—

FIFTHLY the said Grantees shall build a Convenient Meeting house for Publick Worship within Five years from the Date hereof, and shall maintain constant preaching there from after the term of Six Years from the Date hereof—

SIXTHLY all white Pine Trees growing on any part of said Land, tho' Severed into Lots are hereby reserved, that are fit for his Majesty's use for that Purpose, to him, his Heirs & Successors—

SEVENTHLY If the Grantees shall fail & make Default of compleating the Settlement according to the Terms, & Limitations aforesaid, it shall be Lawful to & for the said Proprietors and their Successors to re enter into & upon the said Tract of Land to Resume the same and to become Re-Seized thereof, as in their former Estate, and as if this Grant had not been made—

[*Plan of Fitzwilliam*, 1765.]



A True Plan agreable to Grant of that Tract of Land Call.d Monad.k No 4. as the Same is Survey'd & Mark.d Exhib.d May 1.st 1765.

Sampson Stoddard
Jon.a Blanchard

[*Draft of Lots in Fitzwilliam*, 1765.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 189, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 3.]

The Schedule of the Grantees of the Tract of Land called Manadnock Number four, with the Drafts of the Lots & those reserved for the Grantors & publick Lots—

	Draft	N°	Range	N°	Range		Draft	N°	Range	N°	Range
Col° Sampson Stoddard . .	1	6	12	15	9	Edmund Grouard	2	1	12	2	12
Jacob Treadwell Junr . .	3	3	12	13	8	Jon^{a} Lovewell	4	4	12	11	8
Col° Stoddard	5	5	12	14	9	Benj^{a} Bellows	6	7	12	13	9
Col° Stoddard	7	8	12	12	7	Matthew Thornton . . .	8	9	12	16	9
Brooks	9	10	12	17	7	Thomas Spaulding . . .	10	11	12	6	2
Matthew Thornton . . .	11	12	12	16	5	M. Thornton	12	13	12	17	5
Meserve & others	13	1	1	1	2	John Honey	14	15	12	16	4
Col° Stoddard	15	16	12	17	4	Nathl Treadwell	16	17	12	10	6
Abel Lawrence Esqr . . .	17	18	12	11	6	Col° Stoddard	18	19	12	10	7
Paul March	19	10	12	9	9	James Reed	20	21	12	12	6
Col° Stoddard	21	1	11	6	9	John Wentworth	22	12	8	12	9
John Rindge	23	2	9	2	11	Edmund Grouard	24	4	11	10	9
Matthew Thornton . . .	25	5	11	11	9	Solly & March	26	3	11	4	2
Col° Wallingford	27	4	9	5	5	Mark H^{g} Wentworth Esqr .	28	5	6	6	6
Thomas Spaulding . . .	29	9	11	9	7	The heirs or assigns of G Libbey	30	10	11	10	10
Brooks	31	11	11	11	10	Coll° Stoddard	32	12	11	13	10
Matthew Thornton . . .	33	13	11	15	10	James Reed	34	14	11	16	8
James Reed	35	15	11	13	6	Charles Treadwell	36	16	11	13	7
Col° Stoddard	37	17	11	17	8	Geo: Jaffrey	38	6	8	6	11
Joshua Peirce	39	7	9	7	11	Abel Lawrence Esqr . . .	40	20	11	4	4
Col° Stoddard	41	21	11	7	6	John Stevens	42	1	10	2	10
Col° Stoddard	43	3	10	8	10	Col° Stoddard	44	4	10	7	10

	Draft	No	Range	No	Range		Draft	No	Range	No	Range
Colo Stoddard	45	5	10	6	10	Nathll Peirce	46	8	3	8	9
Colo Stoddard	47	12	10	5	9	Thomas Packer	48	8	11	9	5
Joseph Blanchard	49	10	5	15	1	William Parker	50	15	2	15	3
Colo Stoddard	51	20	10	4	8	Colo Stoddard	52	22	12	4	6
Colo Stoddard	53	22	11	5	2	Colo Stoddard	54	21	10	13	5
Colo Stoddard	55	22	10	3	6	Colo Stoddard	56	23	10	8	6
John Stevens	57	1	9	18	9	William Earl Treadwell	58	3	9	3	8
Colo Stoddard	59	17	9	13	3	James Reed	60	19	9	10	4
Colo Stoddard	61	20	9	4	7	Colo Stoddard	62	21	9	9	4
Daniel Millen	63	22	9	23	9	Matthew Thornton	64	1	8	1	7
Colo Theodr Atkinson	65	15	4	14	10	James Reed	66	5	8	12	4
M. Livermore	67	14	12	16	10	Colo Stoddard	68	8	8	9	8
Colo Stoddard	69	10	8	6	4	Noah Emery of Kittery	70	18	5	17	10
Sampson Stoddard Junr	71	18	8	10	3	Jona Lovewell	72	8	2	9	2
Colo Stoddard	73	20	8	23	8	Jona Willson	74	21	8	11	2
Colo Stoddard	75	3	7	5	7	Colo Stoddard	76	6	7	7	1
Colo Stoddard	77	7	7	19	7	John Woods	78	8	7	23	7
Colo Stoddard	79	18	7	23	6	Colo Stoddard	80	20	7	22	7
Colo Stoddard	81	21	7	14	3	Colo Stoddard	82	1	6	13	4
Colo Stoddard	83	2	6	12	3	Thomlinson & Mason	84	18	10	18	11
Colo Stoddard	85	9	6	10	1	James Reed	86	17	6	13	2
Colo Stoddard	87	18	6	14	2	Colo Stoddard	88	19	6	11	3
Jotham Odiorne	89	19	8	19	10	Colo Stoddard	90	21	6	22	6
Colo Stoddard	91	1	5	3	3	James Reed	92	2	5	3	5
Jona Blanchard	93	4	5	11	1	James Reed	94	6	5	12	1
Colo Stoddard	95	7	5	13	1	Sampson Stoddard Junr	96	8	5	14	1
Colo Stoddard	97	19	5	18	4	Matthew Thornton	98	20	5	23	5
Colo Stoddard	99	21	5	7	2	Jona Lovewell	100	2	8	2	7
Colo Stoddard	101	1	4	8	4	Capt Benja Edwards	102	2	4	20	4
						The heirs or Assigns					

Capt Benja Edwards . . .	103	3	4	6	1	of Jere Libbey	104	5	4	21	4
Abel Lawrence Esqr . . .	105	7	4	23	4	Mathw Thornton	106	11	4	22	4
Jona Willson	107	14	4	19	4	Richard Wibird Esqr . . .	108	19	11	20	6
Colo Stoddard	109	1	3	14	5	Colo Stoddard	110	2	3	15	5
Benja Bellows	111	4	3	5	3	Colo Stoddard	112	6	3	7	3
James Reed.	113	9	3	10	2	John Moffatt	114	9	10	22	5
Colo Stoddard	115	16	3	16	2	Colo Stoddard	116	2	2	3	2
Peirce & Moor	117	23	11	23	12	Colo Stoddard	118	12	2	2	1
Daniel Millen	119	15	8	8	1	Colo Stoddard	120	4	1	5	1
For the Ministry	121	12	5	16	1	for the first Settled Minister	122	11	7	7	8
For a School	123	11	5	3	1	200 Acres laid out					
Colo Stoddard		22	8	14	8	for the Grantors at the					
Colo Stoddard		14	6	14	7	North Easterly part					
the same		15	6	15	7	of the Town as ℔ plan					
the same		16	6	16	7	Exhd herewth					
the same		17	1	17	2						
the same		17	3	9	1						
the same		18	3	19	3						

May 1, 1765 this Schedule Exhd by

Sampson Stoddard
Jona Blanchard

a true Copy of the Return of Record attest

Geo: Jaffrey Proprs Cl

[*Account of James Reed*, 1768.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 4.]

Monadnock N° 4 August the 11—1768

aanacount of the monis paid by James Reed for Lands Bought in said Township the Consideration of Each Deed Paid to Thomas Read of Wasford in the year 1763 £13–10–0 L M—

To Jonathan Blanchard Esqr in the year	1764	£45.16. 8
To Sampson Stoddard Esqr in the year	1765	£71. 6. 8
To Benjamin Ballows Esqr in	1765	£13. 6. 8
To mr Daniel mellen in	1766	£53.12. 8
To Henry Gould in	1767	£18. 6. 8
To mr Daniel mellen in	1768	£22. 8. 0
Total		£238. 7. 4

The Number of Days I James Reed have spent at work on Roads in monadnock N° 4 and in what years—

in the year	1764	worked on the Roads 80 Days	and one half Day
in	1765	worked on the Roads 115 Days	
in	1766	worked on the Roads 107 Days	
in	1767	worked on the Roads 8 Days	
in	1768	to the 11 of August worked 13 Days	

Total Days 323——

Atast James Reed ——

[*James Reed's Return*, 1768.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 5.]

A Return Made by James Reed of all the Lotts of Land bought by him in monadnock N° 4 of whom Bought with the Number of Each Lott in what Rang and the Numbers that have Houses on and the Numbers that have work Don on them and not houses—

the Number of Lots	in what Rang	of whom Bought	the Number of Lots with famelys	the Lots worked on and no famely	one Lott the famely Burnt out
No 12	in 1 Rang	Thomas Reed Esqr	A famely on	——	——
Do 12	Do 4	Do	——	——	——
Do 2	Do 5	Do	——	——	——
Do 3	Do 5	Do	——	——	——
Do 5	Do 8	Do	——	worked on	——
Do 16	Do 8	Do	A famely on	——	——
Do 14	Do 11	Do	——	——	——
Do 15	Do 11	Esqr Blanchard	——	——	——
Do 13	Do 6	Do	——	——	——
Do 13	Do 2	Do	A famely on	——	——
Do 12	Do 6	Do	——	——	——
Do 21	Do 12	Do	——	——	——
Do 17	Do 6	Do	——	——	Burnt out
Do 19	Do 9	Do	——	——	——
Do 10	Do 4	Do	——	——	——
Do 9	Do 3	Do	——	——	——
Do 10	Do 2	Do	——	——	——
Do 16	Do 6	Coll Stoddard	A famely on	——	——
Do 7	Do 1	Do	——	worked on	——
Do 10	Do 1	Do	A House on	——	——
Do 7	Do 2	Do	——	worked on	——
Do 14	Do 2	Do	A Houses on	——	—
Do 17	Do 8	Do	——	worked on	——
Do 21	Do 9	Do	A famely	——	——
Do 14	Do 3	Do	——	worked on	——
Do 16	Do 3	Do	——	——	——
Do 17	Do 2	Do	——	worked on	——
Do 7	Do 12	Coll Balows	——	——	——
Do 13	Do 9	Do	A famely on	——	——
Do 15	Do 5	mellen	A famely on	——	——
Do 14	Do 8	Do	A famely on	——	——
Do 15	Do 8	Do	——	worked on	——
Do 15	Do 7	Gould	——	worked on	——

August the 11 1768 I Bag Leve to Say that on Lott No 16 in the 8 Rang I have Bult A house 38 feet Long and 30 feet wide and A Barn 41 feet Long with an ADition of 18 feet for A Stabel at one Eand of it and my improvements sumthing Considrabel on the Lotts—No 15–16–17 in 8 Rang—

Signed James Reed—

[*Regrant of Certain Lots*, 1768.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Aug. 18, 1768.]

Province of } Portsmouth August 18th 1768 Thursday ten of
New Hampshire } the Clock before Noon The Proprietors meet at the Dwelling House of James Stoodly Esqr Innholder according to adjournment—

Whereas the Said Proprietors at their Meeting held at Portsmouth on Wednesday the first Day of May 1765 made a Grant of their Right to that Tract of Land Called & Known by the Name of Menadnock Number four bounded as is Expressed in Said Grant on their Records which they had Resum'd as forfeited by former Grantees to Colo Sampson Stoddard Edmund Grouard Jacob Treadwell Junr Jonathan Lovewell & Others, Whose Names were Expressed in a Schedule thereto Annexed Making twenty three in the whole to hold to them & their Respective heirs in Severalty, as the Same had Before that Time been Divided—on the Terms & Conditions therein Expressed & Declard

And Whereas Sundry of the Grantees Last mentioned have Neglected to Take any Care or Do any thing Towards a Settlement & Neglect to pay the Necessary Charges & Taxes for Settling Said Township or Pursuing any Measures to that End Which Defeats the Design of the Proprietors in Granting the Same & Justly Incur's a forfeiture of the Rights & Shares of such Grantees to the Said Proprierss

Therefore the Said Proprietors having Examined the Circumstances of the Settlement and it appearing that many Persons are Carrying on the Same & have Lived on the Land with their Familys the Removal of Whom wou'd be a hardship, Do hereby Resume the Rights & shares of the Sundry Persons whose Names are hereunto Annexed as forfeited, for the Reasons aforesaid and Do by these Presents Grant & Convey all the Right Title Interest property & Demand of Said Proprietors in & to Such forfeited shares & Lots To the Several Persons Whose Names are Also Expressed & Declared as New Grantees they Performing & Complying With the Terms & Conditions in the Grant made the first day of May aforesaid & have hereby Granted & allowed to them for that Purpose the Term of Twelve Months from the Date hereof & upon their Complying with the Said Terms the Property & Interest of Said Proprietors to Said Lots is hereby Declared to be Given to the Respective Grantees their heirs & Assigns; but upon Failure of any of the Grantees in the Performance of any one of the Conditions above Referr'd to & within the Time abovesaid the Premises to Revert & Remain to the Grantors to be by them Disposed of as they Shall think fitting—

A List of the forfeited Shares in Monadnock Number four above Referr'd to Viz—

John Honey 1 Share
Edmund Grouard 2 Shares
heirs of George Libbey 1 share
John Stevens 2 Shares
Jacob Treadwell jr 1 Share
Nathaniel Treadwell 1 share
Abel Lawrance three Shares
Jonathan Lovewell three shares
heirs of Jeremiah Libbey one share
Jonathan Willson two shares
Charles Treadwell one share
Benjamin Edwards two shares—

Portsmouth August 17th 1768—

A List of the Grantees in Menadnock Number four to Whom the forfeited Shares aforesaid are Granted together with a List of the Lots Viz,—

			R.	N°	R.
Mr Daniel Millen	Lots N°	4.	12.	11.	8
		8.	2.	9.	2
		2.	8.	2.	7
		15.	12.	16.	4
William Pierce	Lots N°	21.	8.	11.	2
		14.	4.	19.	4
		2.	4.	20.	4
		3.	4.	6.	1
Abraham Durant Junr	N°	1.	9.	18.	9
		1.	10.	2.	10
Moses Parker	N°	18.	12.	11.	6
		7.	4.	23.	4
		20.	11.	4.	4
Jeremiah Butterfield		1.	12.	2.	12
		4.	11.	10.	9
Joseph Symes		5.	4.	21.	4
George Libbey		10.	11.	10.	10
Charles Treadwell		16.	11.	13.	7
Nathaniel Treadwell		17.	12.	10.	6
Jacob Treadwell Junr		3.	12.	13.	8

[*Return of Improvements in Fitzwilliam*, 1768.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 6.]

A Return made to the Masonian Proprietors on what Lotts of Land in Monadnock No 4 in the Province of New Hampshier work is Don with A Distinction betwen those Lotts that have Houses or Camps on them and Those that have not —

the Number of Lotts worked on	In what Rang	the Lotts with House or Camp on them	the Number of those Lotts worked on and Neither house Nor Camp
Number 1	in the 1 Rang	——	work Don no House
Do 2	Do	——	Do
Do 3	Do	——	Do
Do 7	Do	——	Do
Do 9	Do	A House and family	——
Do 10	Do	Do	——
Do 11	Do	Do	——
Do 12	Do	Do	——
Do 13	Do	Do	——
Do 6	in 2 Rang	A Sawmill	——
Do 7	Do	——	work Don no House
Do 11	Do	——	Do
Do 12	Do	A family on	——
Do 13	Do	Do	——
Do 14	Do	A House no family	——
Do 17	Do	——	worked on no House
Do 13	in 3 Rang	——	worked on no House
	in 4 Rang	nothing Don	——
Number 13	in 5 Rang	A Sawmill	——
Do 15	Do	A House and family	——
Do 16	Do	A Camp and Improvements	——
Do 17	Do	A House and family	——
Do 19	Do	A Camp and worked on	——
Do 6	in 6 Rang	A family	——
Do 7	Do	——	worked on
Do 14	Do	A family	——
Do 15	Do	Do	——
Do 16	Do	Do	——
Do 17	Do	A family Burnt out	——
Do 18	Do	Do	——
Do 21	Do	——	worked on

the number of Lotts worked on	In what Rang	the Lotts with House or Camp on them	the number of those Lotts worked on and Neither house Nor Camp
Lott number 22	in the 6 Rang	A family	——
Do 23	Do	A family	——
Do 4	in 7 Rang	Do	——
Do 12	Do	A House no family	——
Do 14	Do	A family	
Do 15	Do	——	worked on no family
Do 16	Do	——	Do
Do 23	Do	——	Do
Do 5	in the 8 Rang	——	Do
Do 14	Do	A family	——
Do 15	Do	——	worked on no family
Do 16	Do	A family	——
Do 17	Do	——	worked on
Do 18	Do	——	Do
Do 20	Do	A family	——
Do 23	Do	A Cornmill	——
Do 13	in the 9 Rang	A family	——
Do 21	Do	Do	——
Do 23	Do	Do	——
Do 23	in the 10 Rang	A family	——

in the 11 and 12 Ranges there is Nothing Don—

monadnock No 4 August the 26 1768
A True Return made by

Benjamin Bigelow
James Reed
Aaron garfield
} Committee

[*Petition of James Reed*, 1768.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 7.]

Province of New Hampshire } To the Proprietors of the Land Clamed under John Tufton mason Esqr Commonly Called masons Grant or Patent—

The Pettition of James Reed of monadnock No 4 in said Province Humbly Shews that your Pettitinor Served in the Proventchal Rigements of the masachusetts from the year 1755 to the year 1762 bothe

years included had the Honor to Command A Company Each year—
in the year 1763 and Since your Pettitinor hath bought in Said monadnock No 4 34 Lotts of unimproved Land for which I have Paid £238–7–4 Lawfull money and have made Sumthing of Improvements on 19 of the Said 34 Lotts Eleven of which have Houses on them of the fowloing Dementions one of 38 feet by 30 Do–24–by 18 Do–27–by 27 Do 24–by 18 Do 28–by 26 Do 22–by 18 Do 22–by 18 Do 26–by 24 Do 28–by 26 Do 25–by 18 Do 22–18 Each House a family in Except one one House besids the Above Number 24 by 18 was Consumed by fire Last April—
and your Pettitinor hath worked on the Roads in said Township 324 Days with men and 25½ Days with oxen—
as your Honors have Re Entered and Resumed the Possession of said Tract of Land 2 Tims Since your Pettitinor Entred and on the 17 of August Last was Pleesed to Resume the Rights and shares of sundry Persons as forfeited and Did Grant and Convey the Interest there of To New Grantees—and as your Pettitinor Holds no Land in said Township but by Purchas Would Humbly Pettition to your Honors if Cause Should Apeair for a Re Entrey on aney of the Rights in any of the Townships Granted by your Honors that your Honors would bee Plesed to Grant to your Pettitinor A number of Rights he flatring him Self that it will bee in his Power to make A Good Prograss as your Pettitinor in Duty bound shall Ever Pray—
Monadnock No 4 James Reed
December the 1–1768

[*Petition of James Reed*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 8.]

Province of New Hampshire } To the Lord Proprietors of Mason's Patent in said Province—

The Humbly Petition of James Reed of Monadnoc N° 4 in said Province Gent: in behalf of himself and other Settlers there, Shewes, That your Petitioner in ye Year A D 1763 purchas'd of the then Grantees of said Monadnoc thirty five Lots there, and hath lived there constantly with a Large Family ever Since, hath made improvements on Nineteen of said Lots, upon Eleven of which, he hath Erected and built good Tenantable Houses—Your Petit^r^ hath worked three hundred and forty Days with Men and Oxen to clear and make Roads in said Monadnoc—That the Conditions of the last Grant of Said Monadnoc, Require A majority of the Grantees to vote any Delinquent's Right forfeit, which is almost impracticable under the present Circum-

stances, because the major Part of the Grantees or Voters are non Resident and they mostly delinquents, and do not incline to Vote their Rights forfeited, by Means whereof many Rights in said Monadnoc have no Duty done on them; And the Settlement thereof much Retarded; and the Principal Part of the Charges yet arisen fall upon the Settlers—Wherefore your Petit^{r} in behalf of himself and fellow Settlers pray that the Rights upon which nothing is yet done may be granted to them upon such Conditions as your Honors shall think most promotive of the Interest of the Settlers and your own. And your Pet^{r} as in Duty bound shall ever pray

August 18th 1769 James Reed

J Pickering Attorney for Petit^{r}

[*Petition of Stoddard and Blanchard*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 9.]

To the Gentlemen Proprietors Purchasors of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esqr in the Province of New Hamp^{r}

The memorial of Sampson Stoddard & Jonathan Blanchard shew

That your Memorialists have had & still own a Very Considerable Interest in the New Township of Monad^{k} N° 4 in this Province & Done much Towards it's Settlement & the Well Being of it's Inhabitants & more than was Enjoyn^{d} on the Shares they held,

That your Memorialists have to their *Surprise* seen a Memorial Presented to the Clerk of Your Society in the Name of One James Reed therein Declaring many things that are *not True in fact*,—

That your Memorialists Will at any Time (if Requested) with pleasure Lay Before Your Society a full & True State of the Several Matters & things Relating to Said Township, But for the Present have Annexed Copys of Several Receipts for Monies paid to the Said James Reed & Others for their Labour on the high Ways there & Apprehend near in full for their service,

That the Grantees have Nearly Complyd with ye Conditions in ye Grant mention^{d} (but some few are Wholly Deficient to this Day & they have Done Some Violent acts as Cutting Down frames &c where ye Duty was Doing on those forfeited shares to prevent the same from Being Compleated

Your Memorialists therefore pray that Sh^{d} the Said James Reed make application for a hearing on the prem^{s} you would Cause us to be Notified at our own proper Cost & Charge that We may have

Oppertunity to state the facts Before any Conclusions are Drawn from the prem^{s} afores^{d} & Your Memorialists Will Ever pray——

Portsm^{o} ye 24th day of Aug^{t}–1769— } Sampson Stoddard
Jon^{a} Blanchard

Chelmsford April 8th 1767–

Rec^{d} of Sampson Stoddard Twenty three pounds thirteen shillings & three pence–Sterling mony of Great Britain for Labour Done on the Roads in a New Township Called & Known by^{e} Name of Mon^{dk} N° 4 in New Hamp^{r} for Which Said Work have Renderd in two Acco^{ts} to the Com^{tee}

£23. 13. 3 Ster^{g} James Reed
a True Copy

Chelmsford July 3^{d} 1762–

Rec^{d} of Sampson Stoddard Ten pounds Eight shillings sterling money of Great Britain Equal to one hundred & four pounds old Ten^{r} for my own Labour & to pay men for Clearing Roads in the New Township of Mon^{dk} N° 4 Which is in full of all Other Demands to this Day—

£10 .8/ Ster^{g} Benj^{a} Bigelow
a True Copy

Rec^{d} of Col^{o} Sampson Stoddard the Sum of Seven pounds Lawful M^{o} Which sum Was Granted & allow^{d} to me by ye Prop^{rs} of Mon^{dk} N° 4 for service Done, & I Do hereby Order the Prop^{rs} of S^{d} Town to pay the same to the S^{d} Stoddard—

Octr 12. 1768– John Moffatt
Test Jon^{a} Blanchard—
a True Copy—

Compared ye three Rece^{ts} above with ye originals as shew^{d} ℔ Coll^{o} Stoddard—

Aug: 24th 1769— G–J–prop^{rs} Cl

[*List of Improvements in Fitzwilliam*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 10.]

A List of the Names of those that have fulley Completed their Duty of Setelment in monadnock No 4 in the Province of New-Hampshire a Greabal to Chartar and on what Lott it is Don

James Reed on Lott N° 16 in the 8 Rang hath a House 38 by 30 full Duty Don on said Lott—

Benjamin Biglow Lott N° 14 in 7 Range a House 24 by 18 full Duty Don

Samuall Turner Lott N° 20 in 8 Range a Good Camp and famely full Duty Don

Silas Farnsworth Lott N° 14 in 6 Range a House 24 by 18 full Duty Don

John Mellen Lott N° 15 in 6 Range a House 26 by 24 full Duty Don

James Reed Juner Lott N° 16 in 6 Range a House 28 by 26 full Duty Don

Nathaniel Chapman Lott N° 17 in 6 Range Except a House full Duty Don house Burnt

Jacob Reed Lott N° 18 in 6 Range a House 26 by 24 full duty Don

Calab winch Lott N° 22 in 6 Range a House 24 by 18 full Duty Don

Thomas Wetherby Lott N° 7 in 1 Range a House 24 by 22 full Duty Don

Aaron Garfield Lott N° 9 in 1 Range a House 32 by 18 full Duty Don

Reuben Pratt Lott N° 10 in 1 Range a House 27 by 27 full Duty Don

John Gouldsbary Lott N° 11 in 1 Range a House 18 by 18 full Duty Don

Alpheais Brigham Lott N° 12 in 1 Range a House 24 by 18 full Duty Don

Fullom Lott N° 14 in 2 Range a House 22 by 18 full Duty Don

Edward Kindal Lott N° 15 in 5 Range a House 28 by 26 full Duty Don

Joseph Twist Lott N° 6 in 6 Range a Bad House but other ways full Duty Don

Isaac Applen Lott N° 21 in 9 Range a House 24 by 18 full Duty Don

Nathan Platts Lott N° 17 in 5 Range a House 22 by 18 full Duty Don

Thomas Garey Lott N° 14 in 8 Range a House 24 by 18 full Duty Don

John Fassett Lott N° 13 in 9 Range a House 22 by 18 full Duty Don

Daniel Mellen Lott N° 16 in 7 Range a House full Duty Don

Henry Willard Lott N° 12 in 2 Range a House full Duty Don

october the 6. 1769 James Reed

[*List of Improvements in Fitzwilliam*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 11.]

A List of the Intabatance now in monadnock N° 4 in the Province of New-Hampshire and those that have Ingaged to Settel En adeately

Aaron Morse on 2 Lott 1 Rang with his famely
Samuell Pike on the 4 Lott Do his famely
Moses Wars working on 5 Lott Do
Capt Silas Wetherby on the 6 Lott Do a house and famely Soon
Thomas Wetherby on the 7 Lott Do a house
Aaron Garfield on the 9 Lott Do a house and famely
Ruben Pratt on the 10 Lott Do a house and famely
John Gouldsbarey on the 11 Lott Do a house and famely
Alpheis Brigham on 12 Lott Do a house and famely
Robort Jarvis on the 9 Lott in 2 Rang with a famely
Abner Ston working on the 11 Lott Do
Henry Willard on the 12 Lott Do a house and his famely soon
Francis Fullom on the 13 Lott Do A house and famely
Robert Wars on the 14 Lott Do and one Harskell
Jabez meed on the 3 Lott in 5 Rang a house and famely soon
A Sawmill and a house on the 13 Lott Do a famely soon
Edward Kindal on the 15 Lott Do a house and famely
Jonathan Metcalf on the 16 Lott Do a Camp and famely soon
Nathan Platts on the 17 Lott Do a house and famely
Amas Knights on the 19 Lott Do a man at work
Joseph Twist on the 6 Lott in 6 Rang his famely
Silas Farnsworth on the 14 Lott Do a house and famely
John Mellen on the 15 Lott Do a house and famely
James Reed Juner on the 16 Lott Do a house and famely
Nathanel Chapman on the 17 Lott Do the house Burnt
Jacob Reed on the 18 Lott Do a house and him at work
Jason Ston on the 21 Lott Do a house and famely
Calab winch on the 22 Lott Do a house and famely
Jonathan Patridge on the 23 Lott Do a Camp and famely
Benjamin Davison on the 4 Lott in 7 Rang a house and he work
James Reed hath a house on the 12 Lott Do and work Don
Benjmain Biglow on the 14 Lott Do and famaly
Daniel mellen Juner on the 16 Lott Do a famely
major John Farrar on the 23 Lott Do a house and famely soon
one Boyonton on the 4 Lott in 8 Rang and famely soon
Jeddiah Boyonton on the 5 Lott Do making a settelment
Hezekiah Rice on the 19 Lott in 4 Rang—working on
Thomas Garey on the 14 Lott in 8 Rang a famely

James Reed on the 16 Lott Do a famely
John Anger on the 18 Lott Do a house and his famely in Town
Samuell Turner on the 20 Lott Do his famely 5 year
Corn Mill on the 23 Lott Do
John Fassett on the 13 Lott in 9 Rang a house and famely
Joseph ADoms working on 18 Lott Do A House and Rie Soed
amos Brown working on 19 Lott Do
James Reed a House on the 20 Lott Do
Isaac Applin on the 21 Lot Do a house and famely
Thomas Tolman A house on the 22 Lott Do and famely in Town
Thomas Tolmans famely on the 23 Lott Do
James Tiffeny on parte of the 23 Lott Do
Thomas Willmarth—the 10 Lott in 10 Rang soed Rie
Benjman Tiffeny a house on the 23 Lott Do
Aaron Coldman working on the 13 in 8 Rang
Henry Poor on the 1 and 2 Lotts in 12 Rang
Ebenezer Lock—the 8 Lott 2 Rang
Davison—the 2 Lott 7 Rang
Thomas Reed—the 14 in Do

this aacount Was Taken the 8 Day of December 1769 by me
James Reed of said Township

these Lotts worked on 1 Lott 1 Rang
and ——— 17 Lott 2 Rang
and ——— 17 —— 3 Rang
and ——— 14 —— in Do
and ——— 16 in 4 Rang a man on
and ——— 15 in 7 Rang Bult
17 in 7 Rang Duty Don Except A house which is on another Lott
15 in 8 Rang work Don Except A house which is Bult on the 16 Lott
17 in Do work Don

[*Petition of John Butterfield*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 12.]

To the Proprietors of Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr &c—

Humbly sheweth, John Butterfield of Westford in the County of Middlesex & Province of the Massachusetts Bay—That whereas the said John was one of the original Purchasers of the Township of Monadnock N° 4, in said Province, and expended sundry Sums of Money, and was at great Pains and Trouble in procuring and Laying out s^{d} Township And whereas the late Joseph Blanchard Esqr, by

Virtue of the Power & Authority, to him given, by the Proprietors afores^{d} made and executed a good and valid Grant or Pattent of said Township to your Petitioner and others, bearing Date the fifteenth Day of January A D 1752, by Force whereof your Petitioner became one of the Proprietors of said Township, and by Reason of the Premisses your Petitioner, on the first Day of July next following the Date of s^{d} Grant, drew Four Lotts, being Two Rights, in said Township, to wit, Lotts N° 17^{n} & 18^{n} in the Sixth Range, and Lotts N° 13^{n} & 14^{n} in the Second Range: But by some Mismanagement, the Grant afores^{d}, by said Blanchard, was destroyed, and a new Grant made out, in which your Petitioner was omitted, and Jonathan Blanchard & William Cumings put in in his Room: By Means whereof, your Petitioner hath lost his Title to s^{d} Lotts, which otherwise would have been good, the last grant afores^{d} having been made out, before the Time limited in the first Grant afores^{d}, for doing the Duty on s^{d} Rights—and your Petitioner saith, that he, within the same Time, endeavoured to do the Duty afores^{d}, on s^{d} Rights, but was repulsed by the Persons who came in under the second Grant afores^{d}: By all which your Petitioner, being very poor & needy, hath suffered greatly, and is much injured every way.—

Wherefore your Petitioner, relying on your Humanity and Justice, prays your Compassion, and that you would give him other Lands in said Township (sundry Lotts therein being forfited by Reason of the Duty's not being done on them) or that you would give him Lands elsewhere as a Recompence for the Injury & Injustice done him as afores^{d}, or otherwise recompence him as your Humanity & Justice shall direct:—And your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c—

John Butterfield

Portsmouth December the 9th 1769.—

This Certifies that the Afore mentioned John Butterfield was in the Grant of Said modonock N° 4 when first made and the 4 Lots drawed to him as within mentioned and the first charter was taken up & a New one made in which he was omitted.

Decr ye 9th 1769 Jon^{a} Lovewell

[*James Reed's Military Record*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 13.]

A return mad by James Reed of Monadnock N° 4 of his Servises Don in the Provenshel Troops of the Masachusetts Bay the Dats of his Commisions in what Rank and by whom Signed in what Rige-

ment—To Gather with ana Coumpt of the Land Bought Since the wars in Monadnock N° 4 in the Province of New-Hampshare the Number of Lotts the money pad for the Land the Number of Settlers Brought onto Said Land and the Taxis Paid to the 12 of December 1769—

in year	Capten	by whom Signed	in what Rigement
1755	Capten	Spencer Phips Leu^{t} Governour	Josiah Brown Esqr Collnal
1756	Do	Governour Sherly	Timothey Ruggels Esqr Coll
1758	Do	Governour Pownall	Do
1759	Do	Do	Do
1761	Do	Governour Barnard	Jonathan Hoar Esqr Collnal
1762	Do	Do	Do

the Number of Lotts is 38 one Hundrad aacors Each and 70 aacors over the money Paid for Land is £326–7–4 Lawfull money the Number of Settlers I have Brought on is 23 the Taxis I have paid is £39–8–8 lm—

Monadnock N° 4 James Reed
December the 12–1769

[*James Reed to Proprietors*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 14.]

Honrad Sir A Greabal to A Requast from your Honor I have made out Sir as an exact aacount as is in my Power of the Prasant Standing of the Setelment of monadnock No 4 in the Province of New Hampshier—and have Got the faver of Esqr Kidder to Convay it to your Honor—Sir as mr mellen Lives at such a Grate Distance—from this Place and not With in the Goverment I have made bold to Do with out his assistance in the afair—I have put in a Small Paper with this Return—which I hope will bee no Afront—Bagen at the Same Time to Subscribe my Self—Sir your Honors Ever Humbel Servant att Comand

James Reed

Monadnock N° 4 Januarey the 26. 1770.
To the Honrabel George Jaffrey Esqr Portsmouth

[*State of Settlements in Fitzwilliam*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 15.

1. this List Contains an exact account of the Lotts of Land in Monadnock No 4 in the Province of New-Hampshire that Duty is Don acording to the Tener of the Grant and by whom Don

Aaron Garfield is on Lott N° 9 in the 1 Rang Duty Don in full
Thomas Wetherby 7 Lott —— Do —— Do
Reuben Pratt 10 Lott —— Do —— Do
John Gouldsbury 11 Lott —— Do —— Do
Alpheas Brigham 12 Lott —— Do —— Do
Henry Willard is on the 12 Lott —— 2 Do —— Do
Francis Fullom 13 Lott —— Do —— Do
EdwardKindall ison the 15 Lott —— 5 Do —— Do
Nathan Platts 17 Lott —— Do —— Do
Joseph Twist is on the 6 Lott —— 6 Do —— Do
Silas Farnsworth 14 Lott —— Do —— Do
John Mellen 15 Lott —— Do —— Do
James Reed Juner 16 Lott —— Do —— Do
Nathaniel Chapman 17 Lott —— Do house Burnt Down
Jacob Reed 18 Lott —— Do Duty Don in full
Caleb winch 22 Lott —— Do —— Do
Benjamin Biglow is on 14 Lott —— 7 Do —— Do
Daniel mellen Junr 16 Lott —— Do —— Do
Thomas Garey is on the 14 Lott —— 8 Do —— Do
James Reed 16 Lott —— Do —— Do
John Fassett is on the 13 Lott —— 9 Do —— Do
Isaac Applen 21 Lott —— Do —— Do
Thomas Tolman 23 Lott —— Do —— Do

The above is an exact aacount of those that have Don Duty on Lotts in monadnock No 4 which is acording to the tener of the Grant to the Bast of my Judgment as thay Stand this 26 Day of Januarey 1770

℔ James Reed

2 A List of those Lotts that have famelys on them in monadnock No 4 and the Duty is not fully Don acording to the Tener of Grant

Aaron Morse is on the 2 Lott in 1 Rang with his famely Duty not Compleat
Sip a Negrow famely 6 Lott—Do Duty not Compleat—
Robort Jarvis is on 9 Lott 2 Do —— Do
Amas Knight is on 19 Lott 5 Do —— Do
Jason Ston is on the 21 Lott 6 Do —— Do

Jonathan Patridge	23 Lott Do	—— Do
Benjamin Davison	4 Lott 7 Do	—— Do
John Anger	18 Lott Do	—— Do
Samuall Turner	20 Lott 8 Do	—— Do
Henry Poor is on the	1 Lott 12 Do	—— Do

the Above is Just the Situation of the Above Lotts or Shares as thay Stand this 26 Day of Januarey 1770

℔ James Reed

3 List Contans ana Count of Lotts in monadnock N° 4 that have Sum work Don on them Sum more and Sum Lass as is Described—

the 1 Lott in 1 Rang A Littel work Don by mr Joslen
4 Lott—Do A House Littel work by Samuall Pike
5 Lott—Do Sum work Don by moses Wars
13 Lott—Do Consideroble of work Don by Henry Willard
6 Lott in 2 Do A Sawmill Bult by the Grantees—
11 Lott—Do A Littel work Don by Abner Ston
14 Lott—Do—A fram of A House and Sum work Don by Robort Wars and Jeremiah Harskel—
17 Lott 2 Rang Sum work Don by James Reed
14 Lott 3 Do —— Do —— Do
16 Lott Do —— Do —— Do
13 Lott 5 Do A Sawmill Bult by the Grantees and A House and Sum work Don on the Same Lott by Daniel Mellen—
16 Lott in 5 Rang Considerabel of work Don by Jonathan meetcalf
7 Lott in 6 Do A Littel work Don by Timothey Barton he Gon of
3 Lott in 5 Rang A Littel Coind of A House and sum work Don by Jabez meed
19 Lott in 4 Rang A Littel work Don by one Rice
12 Lott in 7 Do A poor House and A Littel work Don by James Reed
15 Lott Do Large Improvements no House—Do—
17 Lott Do Sum work Don by Daniel mellen Jur
23 Lott Do A fram for a House and sum work Don by major Farrar
4 Lott & Rang Sum work Don by one Boyonton
5 Lott Do—Sum work Don by Jeddiah Boyonton
13 Lott Do work Don and Gran Soad by aaron Coldman
15 Lott Do 9 or 10 aacors Cleard and to Grass by James Reed
17 Lott Do Sum Improvements Don by James Reed
21 Lott Do Littel Choping Don by major Farrar
23 Lott Do A Corn mill bult by the Grantees
18 Lott in 9 Do Sum work Don by Joseph Adoms
19 Lott Do a Littel work Don Capt James Richardson
20 Lott Do a small poor House and A Littel work Don by James Reed

22 Lott Do a House and Improvements by Thomas Tolman
10 Lott 10 Rang Littel work Don and Rie Soad by Thomas Willmarth
23 Lott Do A House bult by Benj Tiffany no famely
16 Lott in 4 Rang sum work Don by Phinehas Wheelock

the Above is as thay Stand this 26 Day of Januarey 1770
pr James Reed—

4 List Contans the orignal Rights that was obliged by Chartar to Do Duty and have not Don any thing on Either of the Lotts belongen to these Shares—

Lotts	no	Rang	no	Rang
	4	12	11	8
	2	8	2	7
	2	4	20	4
	1	10	2	10
	18	12	11	6
	7	4	23	4
	20	11	4	4
	4	11	10	9
	5	4	21	4
	16	11	13	7
	17	12	10	6
	1	6	13	4
	2	2	3	2
	5	11	11	9

Lotts	no	R	no	R
	20	5	23	5
	16	12	17	4
	3	10	8	10
	21	11	7	6
	19	12	7	8
	12	11	13	10
	12	10	5	9
	12	3	8	5
	14	1	1	4
	12	12	13	4
	15	10	11	4
	20	10	1	3
	4	8	4	7

the Above is An exact account of those Rights which have not been improved according to the Tener of the Grant and have no impovement made on either Lott of the Right or Share as thay Stand this 26 Day of Januarey 1770

℔r James Reed—

[*James Reed to Proprietors*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 16.]

Honrad Sir

In obadantes to your ordor to me in December Last I ameadeatly made out a Return of the improvements on Each Lott in this Township and Dilivrad it to Esqr Townsend and Desired him to Diliver it to your Honor which he promised to Do Last Febuery Court and Sir I have not heard any thing of it Since) which if your Honr hath Recived it and it would Answer the Intenchen of the Proprietors I

should Tak it a Grate Honor to heair of it (by mr Sprage) and Sir if it is not Recived or is not the thing intended I stand Rady at all Tims to inform the Proprietors in the Real Surcamstancis to the Bast of my Judment att the Same Time I Would bag Leve to Subscribe my Self your Honors Ever Humbel Servant att Comand

Monadnock No 4 James Reed
may the 23—1770
To the Honrable George Jaffrey Esq[r]

GILMANTON.

[Granted May 20, 1727, to Nicholas Gilman and others. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors, June 30, 1752. Governor's Island was annexed Dec. 30, 1799. Gilford was set off and incorporated June 16, 1812. A tract of land was severed and annexed to Gilford July 5, 1851. Belmont was set off and incorporated as Upper Gilmanton, June 28, 1859.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 302, 456; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 1; Index to Laws, 207; papers under title Kingswood; History, by Daniel Lancaster, 1845, pp. 304; sketch by S. S. N. Greeley, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 785; Glimpses of the History of Old Gilmanton, by J. E. Fullerton, 3, Granite Monthly, 304; Sketch of History, Geology, etc., by William Prescott, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 72; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 162, 302; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 8; The Badger Homestead, by F. M. Colby, 6, Granite Monthly, 76; Bills of Mortality, 1825–50, by Daniel Lancaster, 6, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 244; Biographical Notices of Physicians in, by Daniel Lancaster, 1, N. H. Repository, 65; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 490, 494, 496.]

[*Proprietors of Gilmanton*, 1727–8.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 17.]

A schedule of the names of the proprietors of the Town of Gilmanton—

Theodore Atkinson	Cornelius Drisco	Daniel Gilman
Robert Auchmuty	Richard Dolloff	Nicholas Gilman Ju[r]
Michael Bowden	James Davis	Andrew Gilman
Nath[ll] Bartlet	Cap[t] John Downing	Zebulon Giddings
Joseph Baker	William Doran	Thomas Gilman
Jeremiah Bean	Ephraim Dennitt	Nicholas Gilman 3[d]
Jeremiah Connor	Ephraim Dennitt Ju[r]	Samuel Gilman
Philip Connor	Joseph Dudley	Nathaniel Gilman

John Chipman
Richard Clark
Edward Colcord
Jonath^{n} Clark Ju^{r}
Ward Clark
Jonath^{n} Colcord
John Clark
Jonath^{n} Connor
Cornelius Connor
Jeremiah Calfe
Benjn Clark
Eliphelet Coffin
Thomas Dean
Nicholas Dudley
Trueworthy Dudley
James Dudley
Alexander Gorden
Jonathan Gilman
Benjamin Gambling
Paul Garrish
Capt John Gilman
Theophilus Hardey
Robert Hale
Paul Hall
Henry Hale
Joseph Hall
Josiah Hall
Richard Hilton
Samuel Hilton
Benjamin Hilton
Edward Hilton
William Hilton
Jonathan Hilton Ju^{r}
Edward Hall
Clement Hughes
Co^{ll} Mark Hunking
James Jaffrey
James Jaffrey Ju^{r}
Cyprian Jaffrey
George Jaffrey Esqr
George Jaffrey Ju^{r}
Richard Jenness
Caleb Kimball

Sam^{ll} Elkins
John Fulsom
Jonath^{n} Fulsom
Abraham Fulsom
Benjn Fulsom
Jabez Fitch
William Fellows
Andrew Frost
John Frost Esqr
Ephraim Fulsom
Edward Fulsom
Edward Fyfield
Nicholas Gilman Esqr
John Gilman Esqr
Peter Gilman
Nicholas Gorden
James Leavitt
Ephraim Leavitt
Timothy Leavitt
James Leavitt Ju^{r}
Benjamin Leavitt
Stephen Lyford
John Lordd
Dudley Leavitt
John Low
Moses Leavitt
Nathaniel Ladd
John Leavitt
John Mudgett
Archiball M^{c}phedriss
William Moore
Walter Neal
Samuel Norriss
James Norriss
Moses Norriss
John odlin
John odlin Ju^{r}
Jotham odiorne Ju^{r}
William odiorne
Jotham odiorne Esqr
Jethro Pearson
John Perkins Ju^{r}
Thomas Peirce

Josiah Gilman
Leiu^{t} John Gilman
Edward Gilman
Samuel Gilman 3^{d}
John Gilman Ju^{r}
Trueworthy Gilman
Edward Gilman Ju^{r}
Jeremiah Gilman
Nath^{ll} Gilman Ju^{r}
Andrew Glidden
Richard Glidden Ju^{r}
Caleb Gilman
Robert Gilman
Nehemiah Gilman
Joseph Glidden
Thomas Gorden
Matthew Plant
Ephraim Philbrick
Nicholas Perryman
John Perryman
Henry Rust
John Robinson
John Roberts
Jonath^{n} Robinson Ju^{r}
Benjn Rawlings
Joseph Robinson
Eleazer Russell
John Redman
James Sinkler
Richard Smith
Robert Smart
Joseph Smart
John Scribner Ju^{r}
Joseph Scribner
Theophilus Smith
Theophilus Smith Ju^{r}
Joseph Sinkler
Stephen Sewall
Samuel Sinkler
oliver Smith
Abraham Samborn
Richard Sinkler
Henry Shearburne

John Kimball	John Plaistead	Ebenez^{r} Stevens
John Samborn	Samuel Thing	Peter Weare
Jacob Smith	Jonathan Wadleigh	Andrew Wiggin
Samuel Smith	Thomas Webster	Richard Wibird Ju^{r}
Bartholomew Thing	Nathaniel Webster	Richard Wibird Esqr
Benjn Thing	Humphry Willson	Benjn Walton
Joseph Thing	Ebenezer Weare	Shadrack Walton Esqr
Coffen Thing	Thomas Webster Ju^{r}	Thos Westbrook Esqr
Daniel Thing	Thomas Willson	Richard Waldron Ju^{r}
Capt Sam^{ll} Tibbitts	Benning Wentworth	Jonathan Young
Nath^{ll} Thing	Hunking Wentworth	Minister Right
Jonathan Thing	John Wentworth Ju^{r}	Parsonage Right
Edward Thing	William Wentworth	School Right

Samuel Shute Esqr 540 Acres—
John Wentworth Esqr 540 Acres—

Eighteen Rights to Masonian Proprietors six Hundred Acres voted to Benjn & Jont^{n} Brown Aaron Clough Timothy Barnard and orlando Sargeant for to acquit James Jaffry Right Cornelius Connors Right and Samuel Hiltons Right which Rights were Declared forfeited and sold may ye 16th 1750

Fifteen of the proprietors before mentioned were not in the first schedule but were admitted as proprietors as follows—

At a Legal Town meeting held at Exeter March the 14th 1727/8

Voted at the same meeting that the several Persons whose names are Under written have an Equal share of Land with the other proprietors of Gilmantown—

Thomas Dean	Joseph Baker	Thomas Gorden
Robert Hale	John Leavitt	Nicholas Perryman
Jacob Smith	Jonathan Thing	John Perryman
Samuel Smith	John Kimball	Jonathan Clark Ju^{r}
Nathaniel Thing	John Low	Edward Thing

Coppy of Record

Attest Joseph Badger propr^{s} Clerk—

[*Petition for Quit-Claim*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 17.]

Rye Jun the 16, 1749

The humbel Reqast of the Subscribers to the Honrabel proprieters of masons Rite of Land in this provnce Shueth that thay have Ben at Charg in purching oregnel Rits in gilmantoun do pay the Honrabl

Sositoy to a qet us as you have nottingham toun and Sum other touns in this provnce

and we Remn your mst humbel most obedent Sarvnts

Richerd Jennes
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John garLand

[*Vote of Proprietors of Gilmanton*, 1752.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 17.]

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of Gilmantown holden at the house of Capt John Light in Exeter March 12. 1752

Col^{l} Peter Gilman Moderator—

Voted to Choose a Com'itte to treat & finally agree with any person or persons that Lay Claim to Gilmantown or any part thereof Voted Capt John Odlin Josiah Gilman & Saml Gilman Junr be a Com'itte for that End they or the Major part to Act—

true Coppy Attest Josiah Gilman Prop^{rs} Clerk

[*Petition of Robert Jenkins*, 1752.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 18.]

To The Hon^{le} Theod^{r} Atkinson Richd Wiberd Esq^{rs} & Others Purchasers & Propriators of Masons Right in ye Province of New Hamp^{r}

The Petitsion of Robt Jenkins of Boston Mer^{t} Sheweth that Y^{r} Petition^{r} purchased One full Right & Share of Land in ye Township of Gilmantown in S^{d} Prov^{e} As may Appear by ye Deed in ye hands of Mr Danl Perce Which Right Originally belon^{gs} to ye Hon^{l} Jotham Odiorn late of Port^{m} in S^{d} Provi^{ce} Esqr Deceas^{d} & Y^{r} Petitioner Not knowing that S^{d} township or any part of It fell within Y^{r} Claime till lately Therefor prays that when You Shall grant away S^{d} Township You would be pleas to Resarve S^{d} Right to him & his Heirs &c— which will Oblidge

Gent^{n} Y^{r} most Hum^{l} Ser^{t}

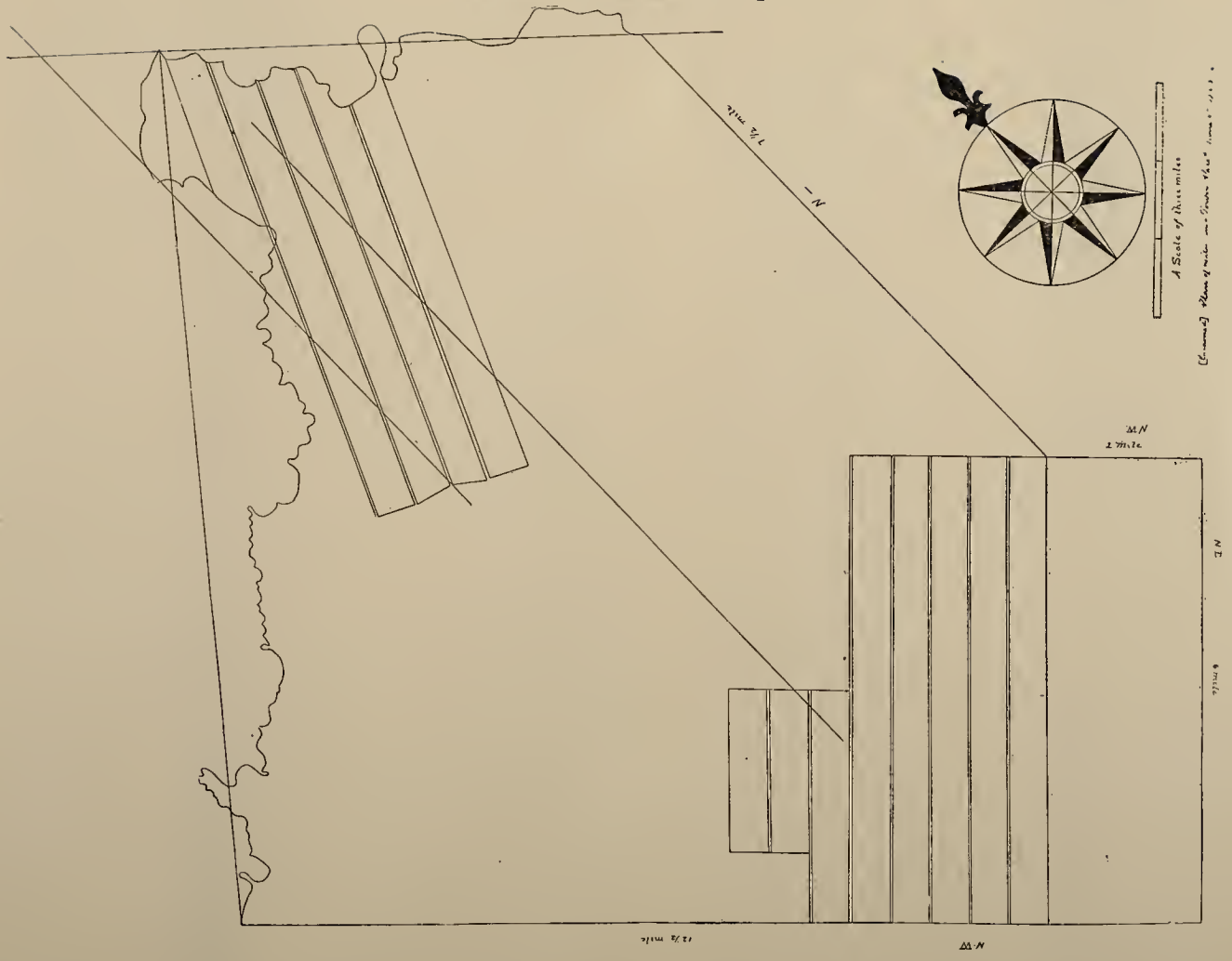
Port^{m} March 27 1752 Robt Jenkins

[*Quit-Claim to Gilmanton*, 1752.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, June 30, 1752.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth June 30th 1752. Tuesday four of the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

[*Plan of Gilmanton*, 1753.]



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Voted That there be and hereby is granted to the Proprietors of Gilman Town so Called in said Province & their Assigns all The Right Title Claim Interest Estate Property and Demand of the Proprietors herein first Named and who are the Grantors in these Presents on the Terms & Conditions herein after Expressed of in and unto all the Land Contained within the Bounds of the Charter According to The true Intent thereof made by the Lieu^{t} Governour & Council for said Province to the said Proprietors of Gilman Town with a View of Granting the same Land in the Year 1727 and the amendment or Explanation thereof made in the year 1729, only Reserving to the Grantors in these Presents Eighteen Shares, each equal for Quantity & Quality with the other Single Shares of the said Proprietors of Gilman Town which Reserved Shares are to lye in a body altogether to be laid out on the Northerly part of said Township between their second Division & the North line of said Township from the pond Called Winnepiseokee pond & so Runing back till the whole quantity aforesaid shall be made up That the said Proprietors of Gilman Town at their own Expence lay out the same Reserved Land and make a Division thereof as the said Grantors shall hereafter Direct and Order and make an exact plan of the whole Township and the Quantity of Land therein Contained and also of the said Division and Return the same to the said Grantors within Ten Months from this time That Convenient highways be left in said Division & thro' The Township to the said Land so Reserved— That the said Proprietors of Gilman Town make the Settlement of said Town according to & in such manner as the said Charter directs within Three years from this time in case there is no Indian War within that time & if there is then the like time to be allowed afterwards— That the said Reserved Shares be & hereby are Exempted & Exonerated of & from any part of the Charge of making the said Settlement & from all Charges whatsoever that have already arisen or may hereafter arise concerning the said Township & the Settlement thereof by any ways or means whatsoever untill Improved by the owner of each Respective share or such as hold under 'em That the said Gilman Town Proprietors do as soon as may be conveniently call a meeting of the said Proprietors and Vote a Confirmation of this Vote and the Several Articles & matters herein Contained on their part & behalf to be done and their Assent and Consent to the same and Transmit an Attested Copy thereof to the Grantors herein mentioned

[*Surveyor's Report on Gilmanton Lots*, 1763.]

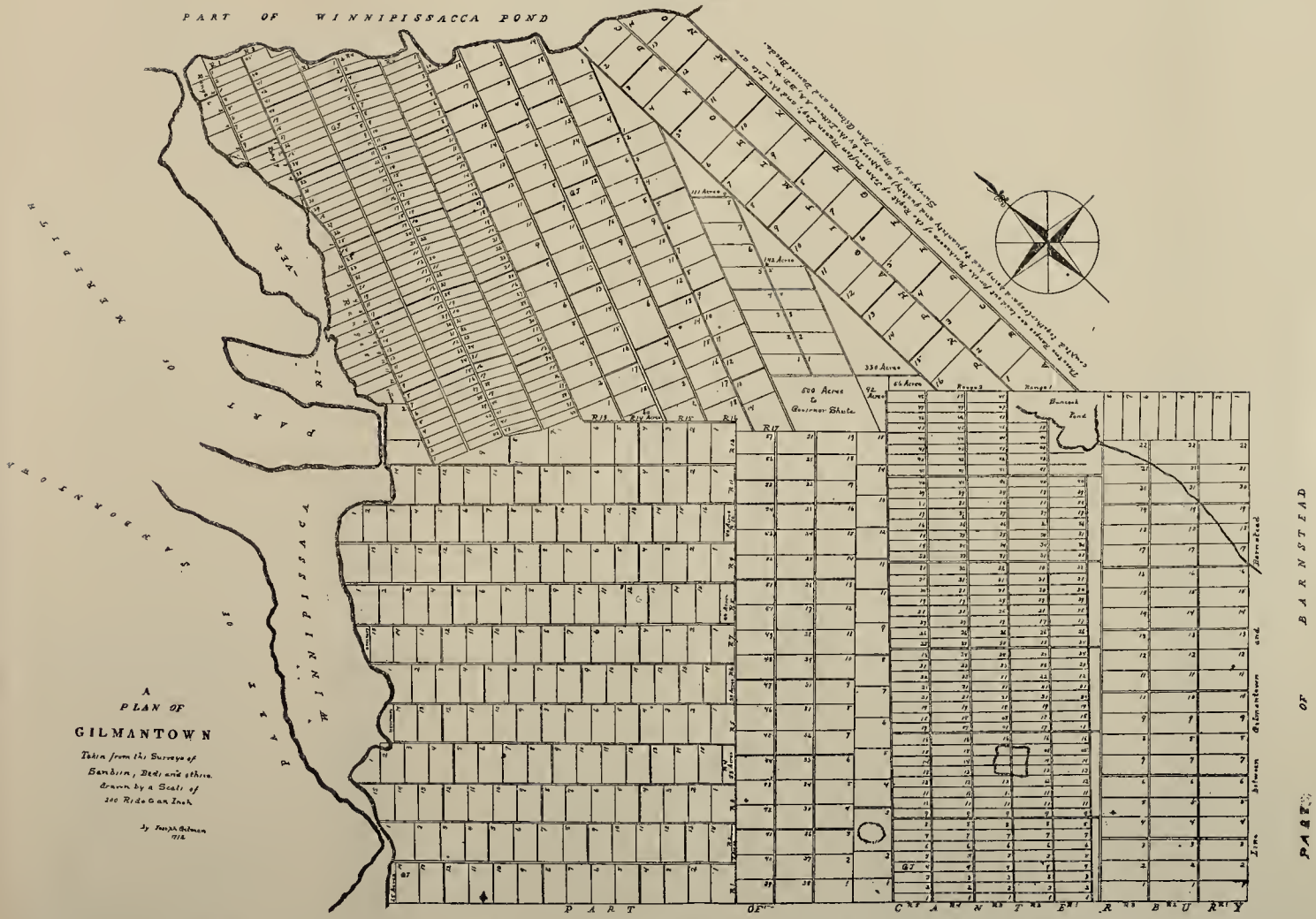
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 19.]

To the Purchasers of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esqr in the Province of New Hampshire

Gentlemen

In Consequence of a Vote Passed by your Proprietary at a Legal meeting, & Pursuant To an order from George Jaffrey Esqr your clerk, And an Additional Instruction Sign'd by the Honble Theod^{r} Atkinson, Richard Wibird & Mark H'g Wentworth Esq^{rs}, the Honble Thomas Wallingford, George Jaffrey, Daniel Peirce Thomas Packer Esq^{rs} & m^{r} Samuel Moffatt, Dated the 30th of September 1763—& by Order of a Com'ittee of the Proprietors of the township of Gilman Town in said Province; We the Subscribers have Allotted & set of the Shares Reserved by you, in the said Township of Gilmantown, Agreeable to the aforesaid Orders & a Plan Hereto Anexed, in manner Following Viz^{t} We Have Laid out Eighteen Shares into Fifteen Equal Parts (haveing had Due Regard to the Quality as well as Quantity) Each Share containing two Lotts—said Lotts are Laid out in two Ranges, & Bounded as Follows Viz^{t} Begining at a Beach tree which is marked for a Bound tree about two miles North West from the East corner of said township, which tree is marked with Sundrie Letters and Figures Viz^{t} E. G. June 16th 1731, & N. S. 1749.—And from the said tree we Run North West two Hundred Sixty Seven Rods, & marked a tree with R 1st for the corner of the first Range, then we Run North 74 Rods & Numbred one, then we continued our course North Parrelell with the Towns Line to Winipisaro Pond, & Numbred from one to 14 in said Range. Excepting the first & the 14th Lotts are Laid out one Hundred & Sixty Nine Rods wide, And from where they are numbred they Run East one hundred & Eighty Seven Rods to the East Line of the township aforesaid—The 14th Lot Bounds upon the said Pond,—the Cross ways in said Range are Between the Lotts Numbred 2 & 3, 4 & 5, 6 & 7, 8 & 9, 10 & 11, 12 & 13, & Each of said Cross ways are three Rods wide, & Lay on the North side of Each of said Numbers, & Run East to the Line of said town.—the Second Range at Winipisaro Pond aforesaid is two Hundred & twenty one Rods West from the first Range & Runs Parellell with the Line of the township to Number Sixteen at or Near the first Divission of said Gilmantown, & from said Number sixteen the Lot Runs South East to a tree marked R, 2'd N° 16, Every Lott in said second Range from where they are Numbred Runs East till they come within three Rods of the first Range which three Rods we have Left for a high way—the Cross ways in the second Range are Left three Rods wide Between N° 2 & 3—4 & 5—6 & 7—8 & 9—10 & 11—

[*Plan of Gilmanton*, 1772.]



The 40 Acre Lots numbered with Red Ink are the first division of 40 Acres—Those 100 Acres that are number'd with Red, were laid out for the first Settlers to choose out of.——

To the Purchasers of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esqr Gentlemen
Agreeable to your Vote; This Plan is presented to you, by the Proprietors of Gilmantown.——
Gilmantown Janu^{y} 21st 1772

Joseph Badger
Ebenezer Smith } Committee

12 & 13—14 & 15 & Lay on the south side of Every of said numbers & we have Laid out a Range way of three Rods wide on the west side of the second Range from the Pond to Number Sixteen—We Have Also Laid out the aforesaid Fifteen Shares into thirty Lotts & have Coupled them (Agreeable to our orders) as follows Viz^{t} the first Lot in the first Range & the twelfth Lot in the Second Range—the Second Lot in the first Range & the third Lot in the Second Range—the third Lot in the first Range And the first Lot in the second Range—the fourth Lot in the first Range & the second Lot in the Second Range—the fifth Lot in the first Range and the Sixth Lot in the Second Range—the Fourteenth Lot in the first Range & the fifth Lot in the second Range—the Sixth Lot in the first Range & the Ninth Lot in the Second Range—the Seventh Lot in the first Range and the Eleventh Lot in the second Range.—the Eighth Lot in the first Range & the thirteenth Lot in the second Range—the Ninth Lot in first Range & the tenth Lot in the Second Range—the tenth Lot in the first Range & the fourth Lot in the second Range—the Eleventh Lot in the first Range & the seventh Lot in the second Range—the twelfth Lot in the first Range & the Eighth Lot in the second Range—the thirteenth Lot in the first Range & the fifteenth Lot in the second Range—the fourteenth & the Sixteenth Lotts in the second Range—

Exeter the 12th of Decem^{r} 1763. —

Daniel Beede }
John Gilman } Surveyors.

[*Joseph Badger to Proprietors*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 19.]

Gilmantown octo^{r} 19th 1773

S^{r} I Rec^{d} Yours of ye 9th Inst: Respecting the Mistake Between Gilmantown & the Gore and in answer say that I will endeavour to be at portsmouth some time in Decem^{r} next and if your propriety would be pleased to appoint a Committee with power and Instructions that would be satisfactory to them I should think the affair might be the easier Comprimisd as it is some times attended with Dificulty to Get Your proprietors to meet Ebenezer Smith Esqr with my self are a Committee in behalf of Gilmantown and I have shewn m^{r} Fisher the Vote and he thinks the vote is not sufficient to Impower us to Convey any of the proprietors Intrest I Intend to show it to m^{r} Sargeant before I Come Down and if he thinks it not sufficient we must Call a proprietors meeting I am s^{r} Your Hon^{rs} most Hum^{le} ser^{t}

Joseph Badger

To the Honble George Jaffrey Esqr

[*Conditions of Quit-Claim to Gilmanton Proprietors.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 20.]

Mem° of An Agreement made between the Proprietors Claiming under John Tufton Mason & the Agents of the Proprietors of Gilman Town as follows viz first the Said Masonian Proprietors are to have an Equal Share Each with Each of the Proprietors of Said Gilman Town which is to be laid out in a body altogether on the Northerly part of Said Township between their Second Division & the North Line of Said Township.

2[d] that the Proprietors of Gilman Town at their own Expence Lay out the Same & Divide it as they Shall be Directed by the Masonian Propriet[rs] and also make an Exact plan of the Whole Township & Quantity of Land in the whole & also of the Division afores[d] within months & that Convenient high Ways be Left in Said Division & So thro' the township to the Division that they have a Quit Claim of the Masonian Proprietors Right Wherein they are to be held to Make the Settlem[t] of Said Town Ship agreeable to Charter within Years from this time in case of Peace & the Masonian Proprietors at no part of that Charge until they make Improvem[t] of their Particular Shares

July 15th P M

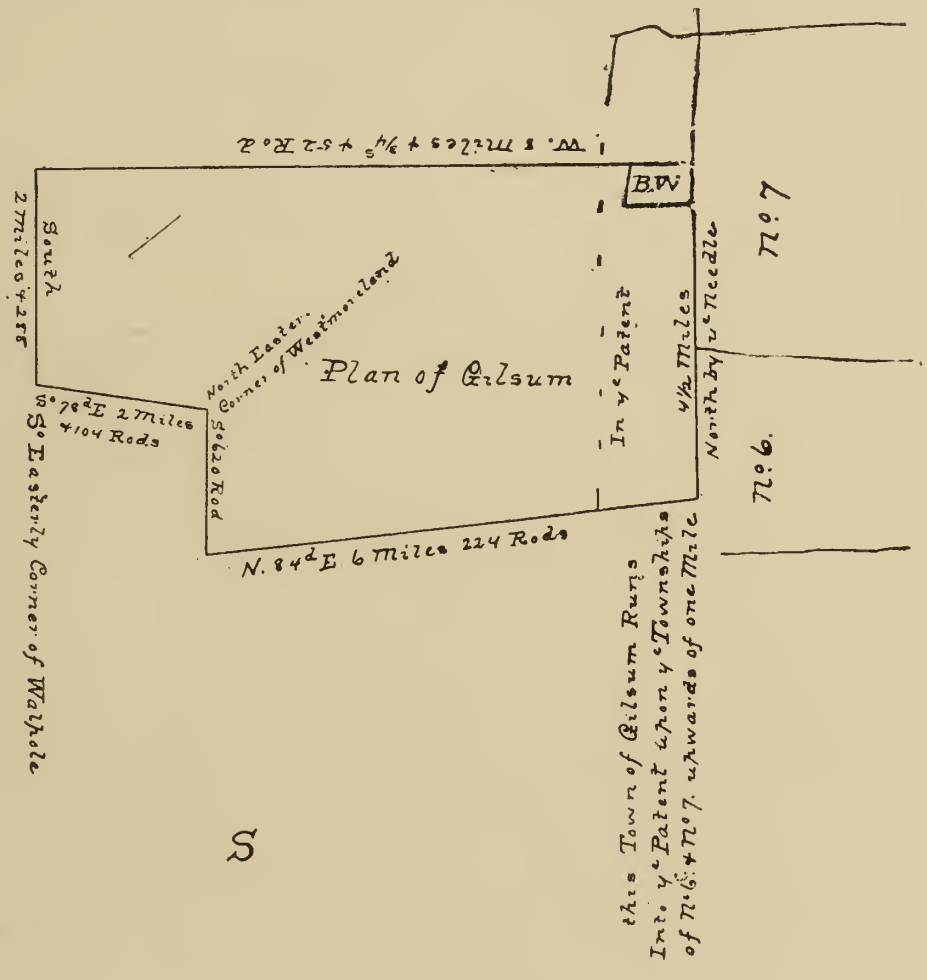
GILSUM.

[Granted as *Boyle*, Dec. 28, 1752, to Joseph Osgood and others. No settlements were made under this grant. Regranted July 13, 1763, to Samuel Gilbert, Thomas Sumner and others, and named Gilsum by combining the first syllables of the two names. The west part of the town was combined with a portion of Westmoreland to make up the town of Surry, March 9, 1769. The southeast part was combined with parts of Keene, Stoddard, and Nelson, to make up the town of Sullivan, Sept. 27, 1787. The line between Gilsum and Stoddard was settled June 21, 1797, by which Gilsum lost a tract of land. A small lot was taken from Sullivan and annexed to Gilsum July 7, 1874.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 303; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 18; Index to Laws, 208; History, by Silvanus Hayward, 1881, pp. 468; sketch, by same, 4, Granite Monthly, 439; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 207; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 164; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 263; Address, Centennial Celebration of Congregational Church, 1872, by Silvanus Hayward, pp. 63.]

[*Plan of Gilsum.*]

it Begins at ye S^o^ Easter^y^ Corner of Walpole & Runs S^o^ 78^d^ E 2^m^ & 104 Rods to ye North East^y^ Corner of Westmoreland thence S^o^ 620 to y^e^ North Line of Keen & from y^nce^ N. 84^d^ E 6^m^ & 224 Rods to a stake & stones thence N. 4^m^ ½ thence West 8¾ Miles & 50 Rod S^o^ 2^m^ 288 Charter Dated 13 of July 1763 for 5 Years.



GOFFSTOWN.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Narragansett No.* 4, Feb. 9, 1733–4. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Dec. 3, 1748, to Rev. Thomas Parker, of Dracut, Mass., and others. It was also called *Shove's-town*. Incorporated as Goffstown June 16, 1761, and named for Col. John Goffe. The charter was renewed April 5, 1763. A portion of the town was combined with parts of Dunbarton and Chester to make up the town of Hooksett, July 2, 1822. Some islands in Merrimack River were annexed June 28, 1825. A part of New Boston was annexed June 18, 1836. The line between Dunbarton and Goffstown was established Jan. 7, 1853. A portion of Goffstown was annexed to Manchester July 1, 1853.

their Lotts advance the Sum of thirty pounds old Ten^{r} Currency including what they have already paid towards ye said Township to be deposited in the hands of Such persons as shall be appointed to receive ye same by ye Major part of said Settlers to pay ye Charge of surveying and dividing ye Said land into lots build^{g} a meeting house maintaining publick worship ye first six months clearing Roads building necessary Bridges, and making and returning a Compleat & true Plan to the Grantors of ye Said Survey & Divisions &c^{a} Reserving all white Pine trees for his Majesty's use that are fit for masting his royal Navy

That twenty Rights or Shares of ye Seventy be reserved to ye use of ye Grantors as they shall direct that one of the Said twenty rights be for ye first Minister that Shall be first regularly Settled in ye Town if he remain's there in ye Ministry during life, or be regularly dismis't and that another of ye said Rights be reserved for a parsonage Lot for ever & that ye two first Divisions of Said Rights be laid out adjoining as near the Meeting house as conveniently may be & ye other two lots to be laid out as ye Settlers shall agree & one other of ye Said 20 Rights to be for ye use of a School in the Town for ever to be drawn for as ye other Rights—

the Remaining Seventeen to be free & Exampted from paying any Charge till improved by ye owners—and all ye Rights to be drawn for except for ye ministry

and if any of ye said fifty Grantees or their Assigns shall not perform any one of the Said Articles Shall forfeit his Right to ye Grantors—That the Settlers have the use of ye Meadows which shall fall within any of the Lots of any of the Said 20 Rights as the Major part of s^{d} Settlers Shall agree for the term of five years—That no Incumbrance shall be Built upon or a Cross Piscataquog River below ye Crotch which may prevent ye Course of the fish and any Person may destroy & Remove Such Incumbrance if Built

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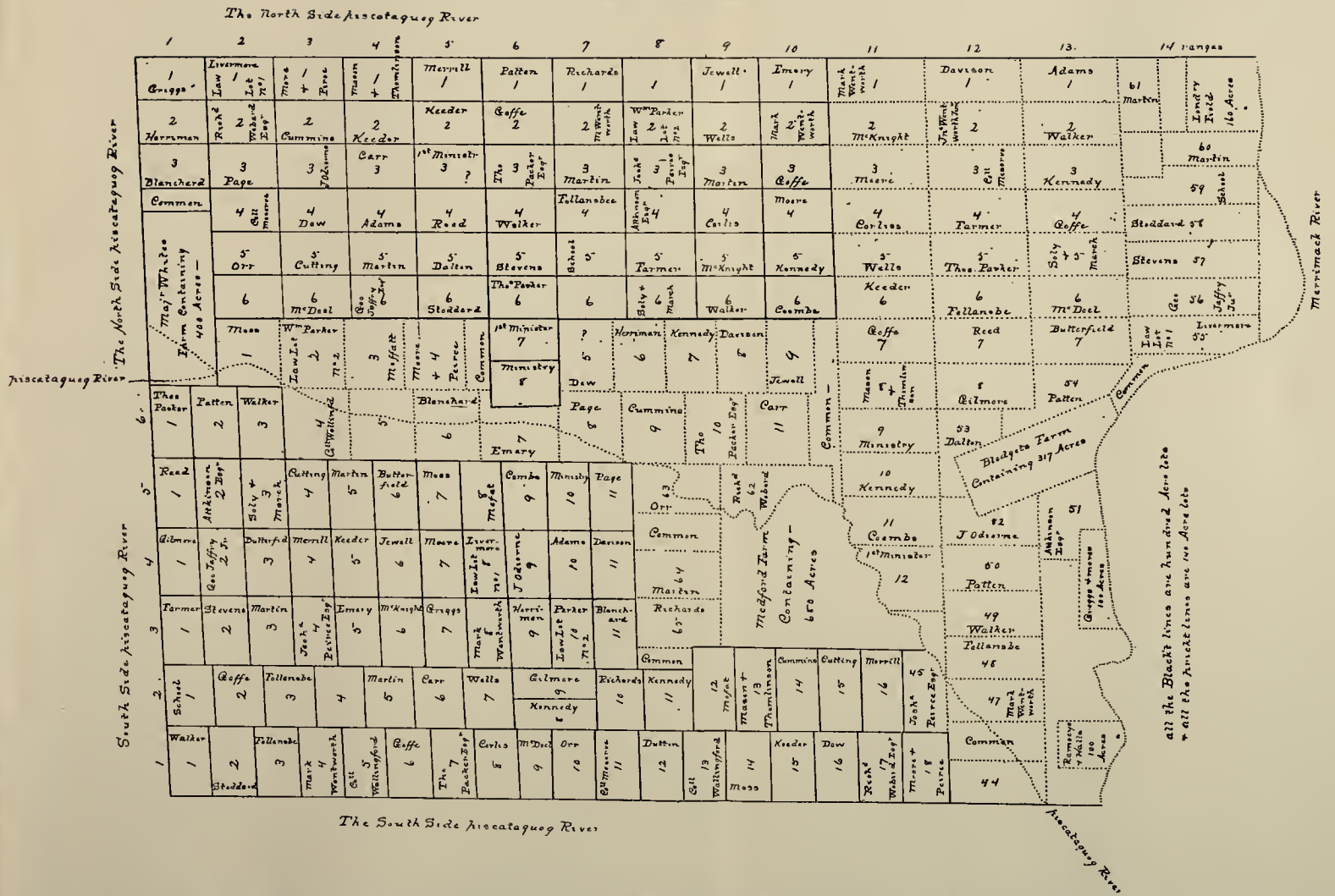
[*Grantees of Goffstown*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 22.]

The following is a list of the Setlers Admitted to take Lotts in the township Com'itted to the Care of John Goffe Adjoyning to Souheegan East on Merrimack River Novr 28th 1748—

[*Plan of Goffstown.*]



A Plan of the Division of That Tract of Land granted by the Proprietors of the Land Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr to Thomas Parker Sampson Stoddard Esq & others as Said Division has been made by the Grantees to be returnd to the Grantors in order to the Drawing of the Lotts agreable to the Vote by which it was Granted——

Attestr ——

	Share		Share
Thom^{s} Parke[r] of Dracut		Sampson Stoddard	
John Butterfield		Joseph Blanchard, Juner	1
Capt John Goffe for	1	Capt Thomas Follensbe for	1
Joshua Follensbe	1	Leu^{t} Caleb page	1
Ens^{n} Benjn Richards	1	Leu^{t} Peter Most	1
Caleb Emery	1	John Goffe Ju^{r}	1
Ab^{rm} Merril Moses Wells	1	Benjn Stevens	1
Alex^{r} Walker	1	Robert Davidson	1
John Dow	1	John Jewel	1
James Kennedy	1	Joseph Kennedy	1
Robert Gilmore	1		
Willm Macdoel Andrew Aiken		Robt Walker	1
Eph^{m} Martain for	1	Nathaniel Martain	1
James Adams	1	Willm Orr	
Eben^{r} Martain Joshua Martain	1	Peter Herriman Sam^{ll} Barrnet	1
James Mackinght	1	Job Kidder	1
John Kidder	1	Aarron and Ele^{zr} Wells	1
Willm Read	1	Robert Read John Smith	1
Sam^{ll} Patten	1	Thos George Zech^{y} Cutten	1
Caleb Dolton	1	Sam^{ll} Griges	1
James Walker	1	Matthew Patten	1
John Combs	1	John More	1
Ens^{n} William Cummings	1	James Karr	1
Edward White Esq		John White his Son	
Tymothy Corlis	1	Thos Farmer	1

[*Joseph Blanchard to Proprietors*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 23.]

Gentlemen

at the Importunity of Capt Goffe Relating his Expected Grant at Cohas the East Side Merrimack river. Who Complains that One Dunkin Unfairly, tryes to Defeat his good Intention of Setting up a mill under pretence that he had possession there I have this nere thirty Years bin knowing to those Lands, and know that that Stream has never properly bin in possession of any but Capt Goffe, there was, a nomber in a frenzy both of Derry & of the Massachusetts People Without any Order each of them Seperately Lotted all the Lands on the River and Rediculously dugg holes in the turffe and planted Some Corn on Most of the Lotts and in Severall places fell Some trees in Course, Where a fence might be Built but all a Sham

from first to Last, Some persons did one or two Years plant a Small bit of the Land South of Cohass, and When Capt Goffe Entered there no house had bin Built nor Since no person Improving, in that time it was Lay'd out to One Robert Rand, by the Massachusetts I at his Request often treated with all then In possession or making pretence, I never heard for ten Years or more the Least Intimation of Claim of this Dunkin Goffe in fact has kept Setlement there, and maintained Somthing of a Bridge And ben very Serviceable to a great many people in keeping boats and Canoes to help people both Over that And the Great River Merrimack without ever being one Quarter paid to all these thing I am knowing, And many Other facts in his faver might be Intimated & provided no Regard be had to Rand, Capt Goffe for that trate by the Small River and the Conveniencys of Both Sides to the Great River, for about half a mile is the Only man that can Honestly pretend Any Couler to a grant from this Society—Those Are the true fact, the Relating them Excuse me In, And Accept the very Hum^{e} Service of your most Obed^{t}

Londondonderry 29th of Novr 1748 J Blanchard

To The Hon^{l} Prop^{rs} of Masons Grant

P S Gent^{n} We are in Expectation y^{t} Capt Goffe will this Journey finish his township I have Quieted with his help Severall prop^{rs} who perhaps Would have Wrangled As much as Any, but now be Stanch frinds to the Affair I Hope Honest Capt Colburn Will be Remembered in Starks town And be Equally Helpfull as Capt Goffe has bin and if any Hindrance Happens to Starks tis pitty but Goffes town now Getts through that people may See tis more than a fiction Y^{rs}

ut Supra J B

[*Charter of Goffstown*, 1748.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec 3, 1748.]

Portsm^{o} Saturday 3^{d} December 1748 at ye House of Sarah Prust widow twelve of ye Clock at Noon Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted That there be and hereby is granted unto Thomas Parker of Dracut Coll^{o} Sampson Stoddard Esqu^{r} & John Butterfield of Chelmsford Joseph Blanchard jun^{r} of Dunstable Robert Davidson of Dunstable John Comes James Car both of Said Dunstable John Goffe John Goffe jun^{r} James Walker Mathew Patten John Moore Timothy Corlis Thomas Farmer Zach^{a} Cutting Samuel Patten Alexander Walker James Cannada Joseph Cannada Robert Gil-

more Robert Walker all of Souhegan East So called Thomas Fallinsby Joshua Follinsby Caleb Page Benjamin Richards Peter Morse Caleb Emery John Dow Peter Herriman all of Haverhill District Abraham Merrill Benjamin Stevens John Jewell Ephraim Martin Nathaniel Martin Ebenezer Martin Aaron Wells Caleb Daulton all of a place called Amaskeeg James Adams the Son of William Adams William Orr Job Kidder John Kidder all of Londonderry William Reed Robert Reed James McKnight William Commins all of Litchfield Samuel Griggs Edward White Esqu^{r} John White all of Brookline Their Heirs & Assigns in Equal shares Excepting as hereafter Excepted on the Terms Conditions & Limitations herein after Expressed, All that tract or Parcel of Land within the Province of New Hampshire, Extending Seven miles in length and five miles in Breadth Bounded as follows, vizt, beginning at the north east Corner of Souhegan East so called, at the main river & thence runs west by said Souhegan line Seven miles thence north two degrees west five miles thence east to the main river then by Said River as that run's to the place where the Said bounds begin—To have & to hold to them their Heirs and Assigns in equal Shares Excepting as aforesaid, on the following Terms Conditions & Limitations That is to Say That the whole tract of Land within Said bounds (saving the particular Tracts herein after mentioned) be divided into Sixty eight Shares or Rights and each Share or Right be laid out into three Distinct Lots and number'd with the Same Number on each of Said Lots. That the Numbers begin with one and end with Sixty Eight. That one of the said Shares be for ye Use of the first minister of the Gospel who shall be Settled on the said Tract of Land hereby granted and shall remain there during his life or untill he shall be Regularly Dismist to hold to him his Heirs & Assigns And one other of Said Shares be for & towards the Support of ye Gospel Ministry there forever That two of ye three Lots that Shall belong to each Share Shall contain one hundred Acres each and the third all the Remainder of the land belonging to each Share Respectively that the two one hundred Acre Lots belonging to the share for the first Minister of the Gospel and the other for the Support of the ministry as aforesaid be laid out as near ye place where the meeting house Shall be Set as may conveniently be done but that all the other Lots be drawn for according to common Method of drawing for Lots of Land; only not untill all the Lots Shall be laid out so as that there Shall be but one Draft for three Lots, that is all belonging to one share. That one of the Said shares be for & towards the Support of a School there for ever and **nineteen* of the

*White & Son being two.

Said Shares be reserved for ye use of the Proprietors the Grantors of the said Premises & their assigns forever. That Seventeen of these reserved Shares be Exonerated acquitted and fully Exempted from paying any Charge towards making a Settlement, and not held to the Conditions of the other Shares respecting the Settlement nor liable to any Tax Assesment or Charge untill improved by the owners or Some holding under them respectively. That the owners of the other forty eight Shares shall carry on perform & make a Settlement at their own Expence in the following manner vizt all the Lots to be Laid out as aforesaid by the last day of May next ready to be drawn for. That the Lots be laid out in Ranges where the Land will admitt of it Land left between the Ranges for high ways of four Rods wide and & for Cross ways between the Lots two Rods wide—That within one year from the Said last day of May, each Owner of the said forty Eight Shares, have a house of Sixteen foot Square with a Chimney & Cellar, upon one of the Lots belonging to his share and Some person living in said house, and four Acres of land enclosed cleared and fitted for mowing or Tillage & within one year after that namely by the last day of may 1751, to have four Acres more enclosed cleared & fitted for mowing or Tillage, and at the End of three years from the last day of may next to have four Acres more enclosed cleared and fitted as aforesaid—That the Settlers at their own Expence build a Meeting house there before the last day of may in the year 1751 fit for the publick Worship of God, for the Use of those who shall then or afterwards inhabit there and after the end of the three years aforesaid from that time constantly to maintain the publick Worship of God there.—That Six Acres of land be left & laid out in Some Suitable place for building a meeting house upon, a School house, to make a burying yard, a training field, and for any other publick Use the Inhabitants shall have Occasion of Applying the Same to. That each owner of the said forty eight shares shall at or before the drawing for their Lots, as aforesaid, advance and pay the Sum of thirty pounds old Tenor (including what they have already paid towards carrying on the Said Settlement) to be deposited in the hands of Such Persons as the Said owners Shall chuse to receive the same, to defrey the Charge of Surveying and laying out the Said land into lots, building a meeting house as aforesaid, maintaining the publick worship of God there the first Six months, from the end of three years after drawing for said Lots as aforesaid, clearing land for highways, building of necessary Bridges, and making & Returning a Compleat Plan of the said Survey and laying out of the Lots, to the said Grantors—That all white Pine trees fit for his Majesty's use for masting the Royal Navy growing on Said Tract of land be & hereby are

reserved, and are hereby granted to his majesty his heirs and Successors for ever for that Purpose—That the owners of ye said forty eight shares shall have the Use of all meadows within any of the Lots belonging to twenty of the Reserved shares or any of them for the term of five years Commencing at the time of drawing said Lots as aforesaid—That No Obstruction or Incumbrance be made or built across or upon Piscataquog River below the Crotch so called, whereby the Passage of the Fish may be any ways hindred or impeded, and in Case any Such Incumbrance be made any person may destroy or remove the Same or any Such Obstruction—

Reserving to the Grantors that tract of land lying across the Crotch of the Said River Piscataquog which Major Edward White purchased of William Dudley Esqu^r^ Deceased which Tract of land is hereby also granted unto him the Said Edward White & his Son John White agreable to his Petition for the Same they being considered as two of the Settlers of the said Tract of land hereby granted & obliged to perform their part & proportion of the Duty & Charge of Settlers, but to have the Said land purchased As aforesaid (without drawing for the Same as aforesaid) in full for their Share of land within the bounds of the Premises hereby granted, and also Reserving to the Said Grantors the Stream & falls at a place called Harry brook within Said Tract of land, which is hereby granted to Thomas Follinsby abovenamed his Heirs and Assigns, with fifteen Acres of land to be laid out in the most Convenient manner for the Accomodation of a Saw Mill there, upon this Condition viz. he his Heirs Exec^rs^ Admin^rs^ or Assigns building a good Saw Mill there, fit to go by the last day of August next, and Sawing Lumber for the Inhabitants of Said Tract of land to the halves for the Term of Six years from that time when & so often as they shall have Occasion—

Reserving to the Said Grantors which they hereby grant to Hugh Ramsey Thomas Hall James Moore & Samuel Gregg, fifty Acres of land to each of them including their Improvements there and So running westerly from each Respective improvement so far as with that, to make up the said Quantity of fifty Acres for each of them in fee, they Severally paying & each of them depositing as aforesaid five pounds old Tenor for the purpose aforesaid, and doing and performing their part and proportion of all other & after Duty hereby laid upon Said Settlers—And in Case any of the Owners of the said forty eight shares shall refuse neglect or Omit to perform and fully Discharge any of the Conditions Articles Matters & Things abovementioned by him Respectively to be done he shall forfeit his Share and Right in the Said Tract of land, And every part and parcel thereof to the Said Grantors, and it shall and may be lawfull for them or any of

them Or any Person or Persons in their name & stead and by their Authority to enter into and upon the part Share and Right of Such Delinquent Owner or any part thereof in their name of the whole and him utterly thence to amove oust and Expel for the Use of Said Grantors their Heirs and Assigns. Provided there be no Indian War within any of the Terms and Limitations of time above mentioned for performing the Said Articles and things aforesaid to be done and performed by the Said Settlers, and in Case that Should happen the Same times to be allowed for the Respective Matters aforesaid after Such impediment shall be removed and it is also to be understood that the Surveyor or surveyors and those who shall be appointed to lay out the Lots aforesaid shall also lay out all the particular Tracts and parcels above mentioned—Lastly the Said Grantors & Proprietors aforesaid do hereby ingage and promise to the Said Grantees to defend them their Heirs and Assigns against all and every Action & lawsuit that shall be prosecuted moved and Stirred against them and any of them by any person or persons whatsoever claiming the said land or any part thereof by any other title than the title of the Said Grantors or that by which they hold or derive theirs from, with this Condition & Limitation that in Case the said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns shall be Ejected & ousted by any Such Right or Title that then they have or Recover nothing of and from the Said Grantors & Proprietors or their Heirs Executors or Administrators for the Labour of the Said Grantees their Heirs and Assigns on the Premises or any part thereof or any Expence they Shall have been at in Consequence of this Grant nor for the land Granted to them or any of them—And it is to be understood that the Said Lots shall be drawn for in the Town of Portsmouth in said Province—

[*Proprietors to John Goffe*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 24.]

Portsmouth Janʳʸ 11ᵗʰ 1748—

Sʳ Old Mʳ Isaac Bradley is now with the Proprietors of Masons Right, Informs them he has Long Improved a Peice of Land Included in our Grant made to you & associats of a Township we are Sorry you omitted mentioning his name with the Rest of the Improvers there, that we might have made him a Suitable grant we however recommend it to you & your Associates that in Laying out your Land into Divissions you Leave a Suitable Tract where his Improvements

are to grant to him in which you have our earnest Desire By order of the Proprietors afores^{d} your Humble Servt

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

To Capt Jno Goffe at Souhegan East

Portsm^{o} Jany 11th 1748

Capt Jno Goffe

Sr You may remember in our Grant to you & associates Capt Peckers Improvements were mentioned in Perticular thô you know our Determination was not to turne any Person makeing improvement off of their Possessions that they had Improved we finde this Tenant on his Improvement in the Schedule of your grant here we apprehend the mistake might arise but this ought not in our opinion to Injure Capt Pecker we wish Some Expedient may be found by you & associates to help us in Accomodateing this Affair by order of ye proprietors from Yours

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[*Vote of the Town of Medford, Mass.*, 1748/9.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 25.]

At a Town Meeting Legally Conven'd in Medford Jan: 23: 1748/9—

Capt Sam^{ll} Brooks was chosen Moderator for s^{d} Meeting

Put to Vote whether the Town will chuse and Impower some Person or Persons to Transact what they may think propper in behalf of said Town relating to their Farm at Piscatiquouge so called with those Gentlemen of Portsmouth, who have purchased Masons Right or Patent. pass'd in the affirmative

Put to Vote whether the Town will chuse two persons for said Business. pass'd in the affirmative

Lieu^{t} Stephen Hall Junr } were chosen for
Capt Samuel Brooks } s^{d} Business

A True Copy as of Record

Attest^{r} ℘^{r} Thomas Seccomb Town Cler

[*Petition of John Pecker*, 1748/9.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 27.]

To the Gentlemen Proprietors of Mr Masons Right

Gentlemen

Some years agoe I purchased a tract of Land Near Amuskiege falls of Upwards of One hundred Acres Not knowing but the Seller had

good Right to make a Conveyance to me—And I have Since laid Out a Considerable Sum of Money And much labour to make improvements thereon—Which now Appears to be part of the Right which you purchased of Mr Mason And have Since Granted to Capt Goffe & others It was because that I was not knowing of the Circumstances that I Did not Apply to you Sooner But as I am now informed of your Disposition that every one who has made improvements should injoy the same if it may be; And Collo Blanchard who is a Gentleman well knowing of the Circumstances and Situation of those places has proposed a Method by which that which I now ask may yet be done without prejudice to any one of which he has inform'd Some of you Gentlemen I therefore Earnestly pray the favour that I may Injoy those lands Upon such terms as you Grant to others And that you would do Something for me herein As Soon as Conveniently you Can—Your favours in these Regards will Greatly Oblige Your Most Humble Servt

Portsmo Febry 15 : 1748 John Pecker

[*Notice of Meeting of Proprietors of Goffstown*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers. Vol. 6. p. 28.]

Advertisement

Notice is hereby Given to the proprietors of a new Town Ship Lying to West of merrimack River and Joyning on the North Side of Sowhegan East So Called Granted by the proprietors of Masons Right To the Revd Thos Parker and Others that they Meet att the house of Mrs Sarah Prust in portsmouth on Wednesday the 28th of June Next at ten of the Clock fore Noon then and there to Act on the following particulars

1st To Chuse A moderator

2d To See if the proprietors will Alow Certain persons Who have Made Improvements on Said Township Before the Grant was Given (Now in the propriety) their lots without Drawing for them

3dly To See if the proprietors will Vote Capt Thos Follensbe the lot that the Mill lot is in on Herry Brook Without Drawing

4th To pay the Money prescribed in the Grant & to Draw their Lots

5th To Do any Other thing Or things that may Be thought Nessecary for the Speedy Settlement of Said Township or fullfilling the Conditions of Said Grant or for the More full ACcomplishing any Affairs of the propriety Dated at Sowhegan East May the 26th 1749

℔ Order of the Commitee Mattw Patten Prors Clerk

[*Theodore Atkinson to George Jaffrey*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 28.]

Portsm° June 8th 1749—

Sr Mr John McNeal the bearer hereof Tells me he has Lived near Amoskeeg falls for 14 years Past That he hath Six Sons Liveing with him the youngest 17 years old That he has Enclosed about one hundred Acres of Land there great Parte Cleared That he has Stood the fire of the whole war Either at home or at Louisbourg where he had alsoe one Son & Two others Ingaged in the Canada Expedition he has been all a Long Vexed by the Harry town men to his great Loss that he at first Joynd Some Kingstown men in the takeing Possession but they Soon Left him alone to Save you the Trouble I have made this Mem° which he Desires may be filed & Laid before the Proprietors for their Consideration to whom he Submits & Prays A Grant with Such aditions and Conditions as they may think him worthey of

Your Humble Servt

Theodr Atkinson

To Mr George Jaffrey at Portsm°

[*Petition of Isaac Bradley*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 29.]

To The Honourable Gentlemen Purchassers of the originall Right of John Mason Esqr Deceasd

Gentlemen your humble Petitioner sheweth that where as he has been a great sufferer in the war's; against the french and Indians in time past; viz: that at the age sixteen I was taken at Haverhill, and Carryed to Pigwocket, from whence I Escaped and brought off with me; one William Whittiker of about Eleven years of age, to saw Cow forte,—next I was Pilot with Capt Chessley and took and killed fifteen Indians; at winnipissiocki then I was four months under Corl Hilton and Capt Chessley;—after these and other fateauges which I shall not trouble you to tell off; our family being exposed in ye then frontiers of Haverhill suffered exceedingly being three times burnt out, loosing all, except our lands, for not less than thirteen of our family, have lost their lives by the Indians and french Enemy upon account of which services and sufferings the Province of the Massachusets were pleased to grant me a Certain tract of Land near Ammaskage on Merrimack-River the laying out of which was all on my Cost, and the Conditions on which it was Granted me I have fullfilled; and have made much Greater Improvements on it; but to my great

Greife, and Detterment, I am trespassed upon by one Thomas Hall, Who pretends that your Honour's have Granted him not only part of my unimproved lands but also severall acres that I have Improved if your Honours will Consider my distressed Condition and Releive me your humble Petitioner shall as in Duty bound ever Pray—

Dated Haverhill Isaac Bradley
June the 26th 1749

[Note on back of petition.]

all that is to be understood by ye Warranty in Marston Leavit &c Grant is that in Case a Dispute Should arise & a Law Suit should be commenced that then ye Grantees shall be obliged to vouch the Grantors to defend ye Title at their (i-e) ye Grantees Expence & that ye Grantors warrant to defend but one Law Suit to final Judgment against sd Tract of Land & in Cais of recovery agst Sd Grantors that then ye Grantees recover nothing of ye Grantors

for Mr Parker to Insert in ye Grant

[*Draft of Lots in Goffstown*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 30.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth July 13th 1749—The Shares or Rights of the Grantors & Grantees of that Tract or Parcel of land Voted and Granted to Thomas Parker of Dracut Sampson Stoddard Esqur & others by the Purchasers & Proprietors of John Tufton Mason Esqrs Right in Lands in the Province of New Hampshire drawn pursuant to the Vote of Said Purchasers & Proprietors pass'd the 3d day of December 1748—vizt

Names drawn to	of first Lots		Place of Range on Piscataquoag River	of 2d Lots		Place of Range on Piscataquoag River	of 3d Lots		Place of Range on Piscataquoag River
	No of Lots	No of Range		No of Lots	No of Range		No of Lots	No of Range	
John Moffatt Esqur . . .	8	5	South Side	3	north	Range on River	12	2	South Side
Jotham Odiorne Esqur . .	9	4	South Side	3	3	no Side	52	12	north side Pisca Rivr
Mark Hunks Wentworth Esqr	4	1	So Side	2	7	no Side	47	12	north Side
Nathll Meserve Esqur . .	11	1	So Side	4	2	no Side	3	12	no Side
Thos Packer Esqur . . .	7	1	So Side	3	6	no Side	10		on ye East ye mill Lot
John Tufton Mason Esqur & Thomlinson	13	2	So Side	1	4	no Side	8	11	no Side
Samll Moore Esqur & Danll Peirce . .	18	1	So Side	1	3	no Side	4		in ye no Range on ye River
Joshua Peirce Esqur . .	3	8	no Side	4	3	So Side	45	11	So Side
Law Lot No 2 Wm Parker Esqur . .	2	8	no Side	0	3	So Side	2		in ye no Range on ye River
Thos Parker Clerk . . .	6	6	no Side	1	6	So Side	5	12	no side
John Butterfield	3	4	So side	6	5	So Side	7	13	no Side
Robert Davison	8		in ye no Range on ye Rivr	1	12	no side	11	4	so side

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	No of Lots	No of Range		No of Lots	No of Range		No of Lots	No of Range	
James Karr	6	2	so side	3	4	no side	11	10	no side
John Goffe junr	6	1	so side	2	6	no side	7	11	no side
John Moore	7	4	so side	4	10	no side	3	11	no side
Thos Farmer	1	3	so side	5	8	no side	4	12	no side
Samll Patten	2	6	so side	2	8	no side	50	12	no side
Joshª Follinsby	3	1	so side	4	7	no side	48	12	no side
Benjª Richards	10	2	so side	1	7	no side	65		joings on Medford Farm
John Dow	16	1	so side	4	3	no side	5		in ye Range on ye River
Abrª Merril	4	4	so side	1	5	no side	16	2	so side
John Jewell	6	4	so side	1	9	no side	9		in ye no Range upon ye River
Ebenr Martin	5	2	so side	5	4	no side	64		on ye so side of Piscataquoag on Medford Farm
James Addams	10	4	so side	4	4	no side	1	13	no side
Job Keeder	15	1	so side	2	4	no side	6	11	no side
Will Reed	1	5	so side	4	5	no side	7	12	no side
Will Cummins	14	2	so side	2	3	no side	9		in ye Range on ye River
Will Mcdoel	9	1	so side	6	3	no side	6	13	no side
Peter Moss	14	1	so side	7	5	so side	1		joings on White's Farm
Joseph Kennedy	11	2	so side	1	8	no side	10	11	on ye no side
Nathll Martin	60	14	no side	3	9	no side	5	5	so side

James Kennedy	8	2	s° side	5	10	n° side	3	13	n° side
first Ministers Lot . . .	7	6	N° side	12	11	n° side	3	5	s° side
Theodore Atkinson Esqu^{r} .	2	5	South side	4	8	north Side Piscat Riv^{r}	51	13	n° side Piscataquoag River
Mark Hunk^{s} Wentworth Esqr	8	3	South side	2	10	north side	1	11	n° side
John Wentworth jun^{r} Esqu^{r}	2	12	N° Side	the	two	other Lots	to	be	pitch^{d} for
Thos Wallingford Esqu^{r} .	13	1	S° Side	4		in ye Range on ye River	5	1	S° Side
Geo: Jaffrey	2	4	S° Side	6	4	n° side	56	14	n° Side
Jn° Tufton Mason Esqr for Solly & March .	5	13	n° Side	3	5	S° side	6	8	n° Side
Richd Wibird Esqu^{r} . .	17	1	S° Side	2	2	n° Side	62		South Side of ye Range on Rivér
Law Lot N° 1 Mathew Livermore Esqu^{r}	8	4	S° Side	1	2	n° Side	55	14	n° side
School Lot	1	2	S° Side	5	7	n° Side	59	14	n° side
Sampson Stoddard Esqu^{r} .	2	1	S° side	6	5	n° Side	58	14	n° side
Joseph Blanchard jun^{r} . .	11	3	S° Side	3	1	n° side	6		in ye Range on ye River
John Combs	9	5	s° side	6	10	n° side	11	11	n° side
John Goffe Esqu^{r} . . .	2	2	S° Side	3	10	n° side	4	13	n° side
Mathew Patten	4	3	s° side	1	6	n° side	14	13	n° side
Tim° Corlis	8	1	S° side	4	9	n° side	4	11	n° side
Zach^{a} Cutting	4	5	S° side	5	3	n° side	15	2	S° side
Alex^{r} Walker	3	6	s° side	4	6	n° side	49	12	n° side
Caleb Page	11	5	s° side	3	2	n° side	8		in ye Range on ye River
Caleb Emery	5	3	s° side	1	10	n° side	7		in ye Range on ye River
Peter Herriman	9	3	s° side	2	1	n° side	6		in ye n° Range on ye River
Benj^{a} Stevens	2	3	s° side	5	6	n° side	57	14	n° side
Eph^{m} Martin	3	3	s° side	3	7	n° side	61	14	n° side

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	No of Lots	No of Range		No of Lots	No of Range		No of Lots	No of Range	
	2	9	no side	7	2	so side	5	11	no side
Aaron Wells	10	1	so side	5	2	no side	63		on ye River above Medford Farm
Will : Orr.									
John Keeder	5	4	so side	2	5	no side	4	4	so side
James Mcknight	6	3	so side	5	9	no side	2	11	no Side
Samll Griggs	7	3	so side	1	1	no side	5	7	no Side
Robt Gilmore	9	2	so side	1	4	so side	8	12	no side
Caleb Dalton	5	5	no side	12	1	so side	53	12	no side
James Walker	1	1	So side	6	9	no side	2	13	no side
Thos Follansby	3	2	so side	6	12	no side	9		upon ye River Piscataqu.
Ministry Lot	8	6	no side	10	5	So side	9	11	No side

Voted that this Draft of ye Lots of land in ye Tract herein above mentioned be and hereby is Ratifyed & confirmed and that each Lot be held to the Respective Person to whose name it is affixed & to his heirs and assigns in Severalty on the Terms &c first granted and that the Division as made by the Grantees and numbered in the Plan thereof by them returned though different from the Method Prescribed by the Vote by which Said Land was granted be & hereby is also Confirmed as aforesaid—

Geo : Jaffrey Proprs Cl

[*Petition for Highway*, 1750.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 30.]

To the propriotors of Capt Masons Right In the provence of New Hampshir

The Humble petision of Sundry parsons Settling the new Towns to the west of merrimack River Granted by your Hon^{rs} Shueth that your pett^{rs} are hindred and Intirupted in the way to the ferry at ameskeeg by Reson of fences maid upon the Land Lying between Londonderry Line and said ferry wich Land is not Granted by your Hon^{rs} to any body as we know of and therefore your pettisioners Humbly pray your Hon^{rs} to order Some meet parsons to Lay out a way in the most Sutible place to Git to the S^{d} ferry and your pet^{rs} as in Duty bound Shall Evere pray

Nameskeeg fall may ye 7th 1750

John Goffe	George Clark	Ebenezer martan
Jonethan Martain	Thomas Hall	Thomas Smith
Caleb Page Junr	John Hogg	Caleb Page
William Ranken	William Hogg	

[*Notice for Meeting of Proprietors of Goffstown*, 1750.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 31.]

Advertisement

Agreeable to a Supplycation of a Number of the prop^{rs} of Goffes town So Called to me the Subscriber for a Notifycation for a meeting of the prop^{rs} of Goffes town afore Said Notice is hereby Given to the prop^{rs} of Said Goffes town that they meet on the Lot Number Seven in the Sixth Rang of Lots on the North Side piscataquog River in S^{d} Goffes Town in the province of New Hampshire on tuesday the twenty Eighth Day of this Instant August at ten of the Clock fore Noon then and there to Act on the following Articles Viz—

fist To Chuse a moderator

2dly To Chuse a Commitee to Lay Out a place for a Bridge over piscataquog River and to lay out a highway from Bedford to Starks town and from Merrimack River to New Boston and to Clear the Same So as to make it feasable passing it Appearing that Roads Cannot without much Deficualty be Made where the land is Alowed for them

3dly To See what Encouragemente the prop^{rs} Will Give to Any

person that will Build a Saw mill Derictly Capt Follensbe haveing Not performed to Build a Saw mill aCcording to the paragrapht in the Charter of Said Goffes town

4^{thly} To Chuse all Officers in the propriety that Shall be Judged Needfull for the prosecuting any Affair of the prop^{rs}

5^{thly} To Do any thing or things the prop^{rs} Shall think Necessary

Dated at Bedford August 7th 1750

Math^{w} Patten Pro^{rs} Clerk

[*Proprietors to Capt. Thomas Follansbee*, 1750.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 32.]

Portsm^{o} August the 9th 1750

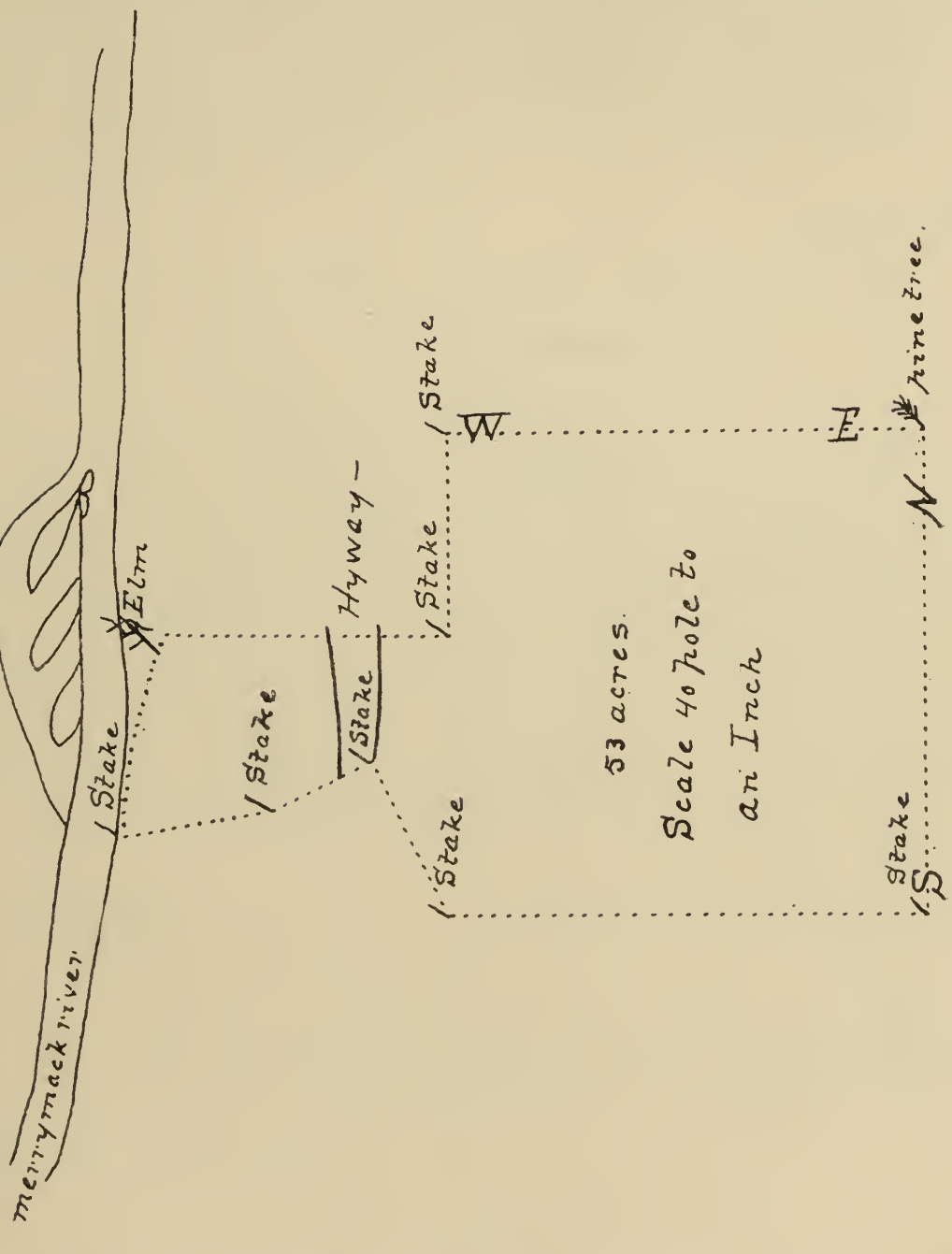
Capt Thos Follensby

By order of the Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of John Tuffton Mason Esqr in the Province of New Hampshire, I am Directed to inform you, that they have been for some time Concerned at the Discouragement you Give to the Settlement of the Tract of Land Granted to Capt John Goffe and others, by not Building a Mill and Sawing Timber for the Grantees &^{ct} Agreeable to the Condition of the Grant of the Mill Priviledge and at this time Capt Goffe inform's the Proprietors, that you Neglect to build a Mill for the Purpose aforesaid, which prove's very Detrimental to the Settlement of said Tract of Land—which Omission the Proprietors look upon as a Matter of Importance and that your Neglect whether Willfull or not is not to be overlook't much longer, and if you do not comply with the Condition of the Grant to you of that Priviledge, Immediately the Grantees shall have the Benefit of that Priviledge, by putting it into the Power of some Person disposed to Serve them—

by order of the Proprietors

Geo : Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler

[*Land of Heirs of Alexander McMurphy*, 1751.]



it is to be understood that the Southeast Corner of that part of this plan that Joyns to Merrymack River is by the Hyway at the place where Christians Brook (so Called) Crosses the Same,

This is a plan of the Land Ascertained to the Heirs of Mr Alexander McMurphy Dece^{d} at Namaskeag falls and Contains fifty three Acres with a Com'on Allowance for Swag of Chain Surveyed ℔ me June 25th 1751

Math^{w} Patten

This may Certifie that I was present at the Measureing and Bounding the Above peice of Land According to ye Directions to me Given ℔ the Prop^rs^ of Masons Right, the most Com'odious with the least Prejudice According to my Judgment and left allowance for a Hyway Six Rods wide thro the Same Where Marked in ye plan

Joseph Blanchard

[*Deposition of Robert Adams and Matthew Patten*, 1752.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 33.]

Province of } Robert Addams of Londonderry yeoman of Lawfull
New Hamp^r^ } age and Matthew Patten of Bedford yeoman of Lawfull age both of Said province Testyfieth and Sayeth that on the Seventh day of March 1752 we See Mr James Macgregore of Londonderry afore Said yeoman Enter upon a lott of the Right of William Orr's (Granted by the proprietors of Lands Purchased of John Tuffton Mason Esqr to him in that Tract of land granted to Mr Thomas Parker and Others) and then and there the Said James Macgregore did Cutt and fell Six Small trees and Broke the Swoard of the Ground and that he Did Declare that he did make that Seizion in the Name and behalf of the proprietors of lands purchased of John Tuffton Masson Esqr afore Said and on aCcount of all the Other Lotts belonging to Said Orrs Right

Londonderry March 10th 1752

Robert Adams
Math^w^ Patten

Province of } Londonderry March ye 10th 1752.
New Hampshire } Then the above named Robert Adams, and Mathew Patten Personally appeared and Made Solemn oath to the truth of the above Deposition, by them Subscribed

John Macmurphy } Quorum
Robert Boyes } unus

[*Petition of Thomas Hall*, 1759.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 34.]

To the Gentlemen Proprietors of the Right heretofore of Tufton Mason Esqr / in Lands in New Hampshire

The Humble Petition of Thomas Hall of Goffs Town in the Province aforesaid Tavernkeeper Sheweth

That your Petitioner has been in Possession of the Islands in Ambuskeeg Falls for the Space of Eleven Years, last past;

That he being desirous of having a Clear and indisputed Title thereto

Humbly prays a Grant thereof from You upon such Terms as to You may seem meet and reasonable

And Yo^{r} Pet^{r} shall ever pray &c

Thomas Hall

[*Notice of Meeting of Proprietors of Goffstown.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 34.]

Notice is hereby Given to the proprietors of that Tract of land lying to the North of Sowhegan East So Called & on the west Side of Merrimack River Granted by the purchasers of Mr Masons Right to the Revd Thos Parker and Others: That they Meet at the Dwelling house of Mrs Sarah Prust in Portsmouth On thursday the 13th Day of July Next at ten of Clock forenoon then and there to act on the following Articles Viz—

1st To Chuse a moderator—

2^{d} To see if the proprietors will Vote Certain persons that have made Improvement or Settled on S^{d} Tract of Land their Rights without Drawing as they are Qualified including the lot they have improved on—

3^{d} To See if the proprietors will vote Capt Thos Follensbe his Right without Drawing One lot Being that which includes the Mill lot

4th To pay the Money prescribed in the Grant and Draw their Lots

5 To Do any Other things they Shall think Needfull for the fulling any articles in the Grant

℔ Order of the Com^{t}

Matt^{w} Patten Prop^{rs} Clere

[*Proprietors to John Goffe.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 35.]

To Capt John Goffe of Souhegan East in the Province of New Hampshire Esqu^{r}

Whereas we have been inform'd that Sundry Persons have lately entred with force and Arms into and upon the tract of land which we have granted to Thomas Parker & others within the Claim which

we have under Capt Mason and have Committed great waste of the Timber there & manufactured and Converted a Considerable Quantity thereof into Clapboards & shingles and have removed the Same off from the Said tract of land on other lands within our Claim nigh the river above amaskege falls which we apprehend has been done in Defiance of our Said Claim

You are therefore hereby impowered & Authorized by us to take the Said Clapboards & shingles where you may find them upon any of our lands & dispose thereof to the best advantage for our Use and render us an Account thereof the first convenient Oppertunity dated at Portsmouth ye 16th of January 1748—

you are hereby authorized to agree and Compound with the Person or Persons who have done the Matters above mentioned on Such Terms as you shall think proper for our use & in our behalf and render an Account of your doings as above

John Moffat	Theod^{r} Atkinson	Sam^{ll} Solly
Richd Wibird	J Odiorne	Mark H^{g} Wentworth
Nath^{ll} Meserve	Thos Packer	Geo: Jaffrey jur
D Peirce	Josh^{a} Peirce	

A Copy Examin'd ℔ Geo: Jaffrey jr

GOSHEN.

[Made up from parts of Newport, Sunapee, Newbury, Lempster, and Unity, and incorporated Dec. 27, 1791, The boundary lines were established June 22, 1797, and partly changed June 17, 1806. A part of Unity was annexed July 6, 1837.

See XII, Hammond Town Papers, 46; Index to Laws, 211; sketch, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 168; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 13; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 447.]

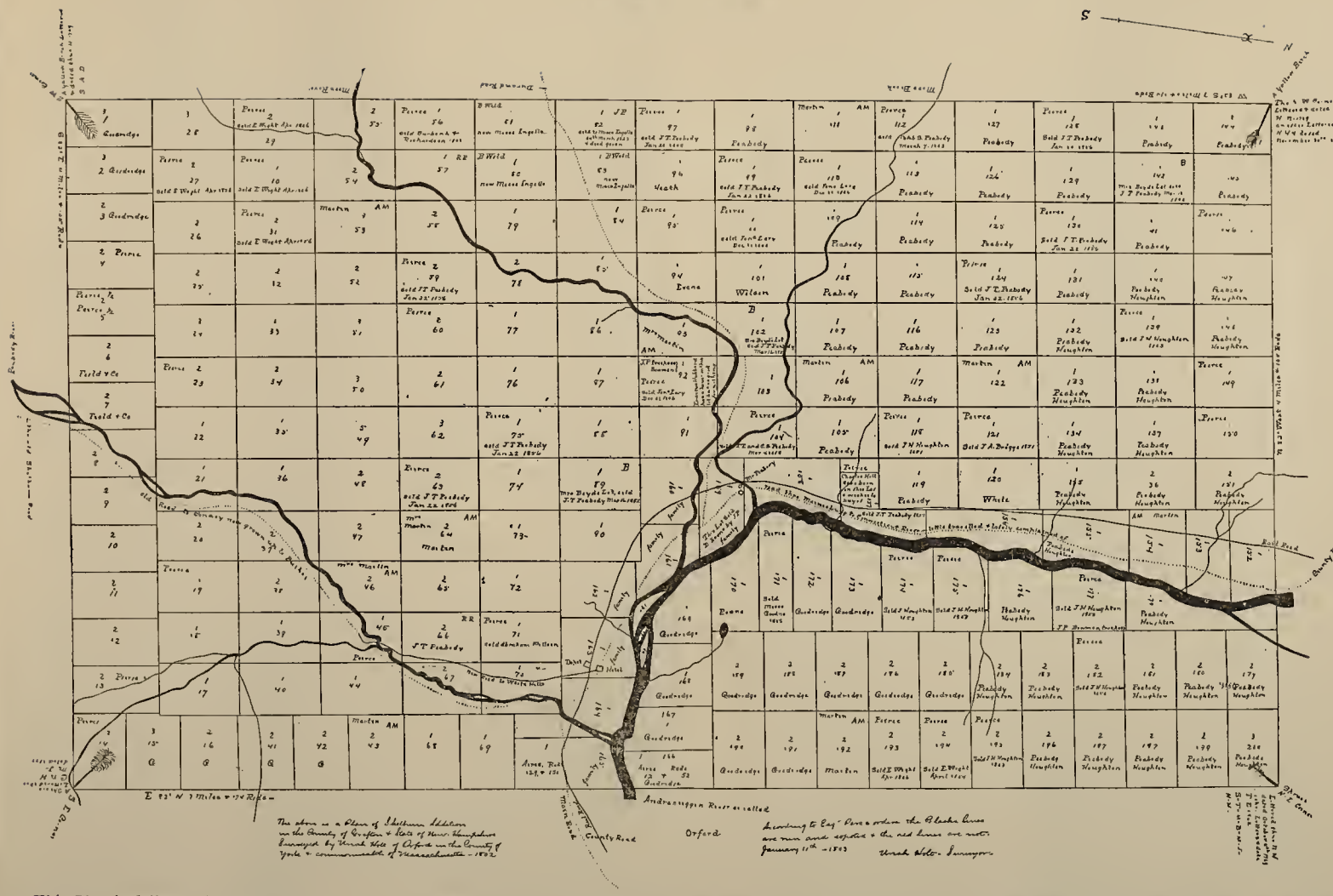
[*William Shattuck to M. W. Peirce*, 1816.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 36.]

Mr Peirce

Sir I was in formed by Mr Samuel Jackman that you wished to know respecting his & his Br John Jackmans moral Carrecter. I have ben acquainted with them from boys. & I believe them to be moral industreous men. Mr Jackman also informed me that he had made a mistake in purchesing a lot of land of you the mistake was this, he had taken a deed of No 19 instead of No 15. No 15 I know

[*Plan of Gorham.*]



This Plan is delineated, and laid down by a scale of one Hundred Rods to an inch & contains 20896 Acres and three Rods includeing Water & Each lot contains one Hundred Acres or nearly with the addition of 3 Acres to a lot for Roads Except the lots on the Greate River & them are not all of a bigness for some of them Required mor land for Roads then others do as you will see by the Plan, the most of the lots are laid out 160 Rods long and 103 Rods wide, the two following lots contains the following number of Acres Viz lot Number 165 Contains 129 Acres & 150 Rods lot Number 166, 82 Acres & 52 Rods & You will observe on the Plan that the Road are thus described ..... Rivers and Brooks tus ▬ ~~~~ a Pond thus ● & the quality of the land thus, 1st, 2d, 3d the Best lots are marked thus 1 the Midling good lots thus 2 the Poores lots thus 3 Quality

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it lyes in Washington about 130 rod from the North E corner of s^{d} Washington & is a part of what we call the Gore goining to lot No— 14 which I bought of your Uncle Joseph peirce Esqr S^{d} No 15 is very much torn to pieces with the wind—

I think it provable I Shall make you a payment next winter this from yours &. C.

Mark W Peirce William Shattuck

Dated at Bradford the 30th of Oct. 1816

[*John Jackman to M. W. Peirce*, 1816.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 37.]

Bradford Nov 1 1816

Dear Sir I have searched the lines of the Lots in the strip of land mentioned in the Deed Peirces to Jackmans and find that Lot 19 lies in Goshen where it will be no benefit to me (or of no great benefit) it is not the lot which I thought of purchasing the Lot which I wanted and which I thought that I had bought is numbered 15 I do not doubt but this was the lot you meant to convey to us I would agree that the number 19 be altered to number 15 in the Deed Peirces to Jackmans and in the Deed Jackmans to Peirces, Yours with respect

John Jackman

Mr Mark W Peirce

[*M. W. Peirce's Agreement*, 1816.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 37.]

Portsmouth 2^{d} November 1816

I sold to John & Samuel Jackman on the 24th October last a lot of Land Number Nineteen in Goshen part of the strip of Land between Fishersfield & Washington & Now the Said Samuel Comes and says he did not intend to buy Number Nineteen but Wished to purchase Number fifteen in the same strip & I have consented to exchange said Lots when they shall execute to me a good & sufficient deed of the one sold them but this is to be done by the 1st day of January next

M. W. Peirce

GREENFIELD.

[Made up of Lyndeborough Gore, and parts of Society Land, Peterborough, and Lyndeborough. Sometimes called *Lyndeborough Addition*. Incorporated June 15, 1791. The line with Lyndeborough was corrected Dec. 26, 1791. The boundaries were changed and established Dec. 29, 1791. A portion of the town was annexed to Francestown Dec. 11, 1792, and another July 4, 1872.

See XII, Hammond Town Papers, 61; Index to Laws, 220; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 176; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 331.]

[*Nathan Cram's Lot in Greenfield.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 38.]

a certain Tract of Land being part of Lot N° 10. in Lyndsborough, now Greenfield, containᵍ 30 Acres more or less bounded as follows, Viz beginning at the N. E. Corner of said Lot, thence running West by Lot N° 13, half the breadth of said Lot, thence Southerʸ to Land conveyed by us to Asa Wilkins thence Eastʸ on a Line parallel to the North Line of said Lot by said Land to the Eastʸ Line of said Lot, thence Northʸ by said Line to the bounds first begun at. the Premises containᵍ $\frac{3}{10}^{\text{ths}}$ of the Easterly half of said Lot

Nathan Cram—Yeoman Conveyed to him Thomlinsons undivided half £15. to be paid in 3 Years a mortgage

Beginning at the N. W. Corner at a Stake and Stones from thence East by Colˡ Boldins Land 160 Rods to a Stake and Stones thence South by Land of Mʳ Jonathan Chambling jʳ 43 Rods to a Stake & Stones By the Road thence West 80 Rods By Said Road to a Stake & Stones thence South By Land of Said Lot 57 Rods to a Stake and Stones thence West By Land of Sᵈ Lot 80 Rods to a Stake & Stones thence North By the West Line of Sᵈ Lot 100 Rods to the bounds first mentioned Containing 71½ Acores be the Same more or Less

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HAMPTON.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Winnacunnet* March 3, 1635. The name was changed to Hampton Sept. 4, 1639. Hampton Falls was set off as a parish and incorporated Nov. 23, 1726. North Hill Parish was set off and incorporated as North Hampton Nov. 30, 1742.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 331; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 99; Index to Laws, 226; Farmer's Belknap's History of N. H., chaps. 1 and 2, *et seq.*; Historical Address, by Joseph Dow, 1838, pub. 1839, pp. 44; historical manuscripts, by E. W. Toppan, in possession of Christopher G. Toppan of Hampton; History, by Joseph Dow, 1894, 2 vols.; papers

relating to the town in appendix to preceding volume; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 317; authorities cited under titles Dover, Exeter, Gosport, New Castle, and Portsmouth; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 63; Account of the Earthquake, 1727, by N. Gookin, 4, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 92; Inscriptions, by D. W. Holmes, 11, *id.*, 77; Petition of S. Cotton, Minister, 1685, 2, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 204; Congregationalists, by Joseph Fullonton, 1, *Granite Monthly*, 119; The Beautiful Place of Pines, sketch, by Lucy E. Dow, 1888, pp. 31; Dedication of Webster Memorial Chapel, 1894, pp. 20; Rev. Stephen Bachiler, by Charles E. Batchelder, reprinted from N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, Jan., 1892, pp. 23; Meshech Weare, by Ezra S. Stearns, 1894, pp. 22; sermon, Dedication of New Meeting House of Congregational Society, 1797, by Jesse Appleton, 1797, pp. 32.]

[*Petition of Hampton Men*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 39.]

Province of New Hampsher } To the Gentle men that Claim some Part of the ungranted land in said Province by vertue of their Purchis of mr Tufftin Mason / where as the late Assembley of said Province Did Pass some Votes in order to agree with and bye said Claim of said Purchisors for the Inhabitants which we should been glad If it had been Effected / we the subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Hampton Desier we may have some of those lands Confermed to us on Reasonable terms

Hampton November ye 15th 1748

William Stanford	Prudence Hilton	Nathaniel Mason
Jonathan Moulton	Joshua winget Junr	John winget
Samuel Palmer ye third	Stephen Page Junr	Henry Moulton
John Batchelder	Nathanell Batchelder Junr	John Moulton ye third
Samuel Garland	Samuel Dow	thomas Batchelder
Edward Moulton	John Lamprey	thomas Hains
Mariss Lamprey	Jeremiah towle	Reuben Samburn
Robert Moulton	Stephen Page Senr	John Knowls
Jarmiah Marston	Simon Marston	Jarmiah Marston Jur.
Elisha Marston	John Moulton Junr	Thos Moulton
Simon Dow sener	Ephraim Marston Junr	John Marston Junr
Ephraim Moulton	Gamallel Knowls	Joseph Dow
Robert Moulton the third	John Sleeper	William Vitton
Joseph Pellet	Caleb towle	Clement Jackson
Chiristefer Toppen	Levi Dearborn	Benjam^{n} Dearborn
Jon^{a} Moulton Junr	Josiah Moulton Junr	Jon^{a} Leavitt
Nathan Moulton	Josiah Moulton 3^{d}	Jon^{a} Moulton 3^{d}
Philip Hooker	Jon^{a} Garland	Daniel Marston

Jacob Moulton	John Knowls	John Tuck
Benj[a] Randill	John Mores	Eben[r] Meloon

[*Vote of the Town of Hampton*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 40.]

Province of New Hampsher December y[e] 20th 1748

At a meeting of sundry of the town of Hampton who lately Requested for some of the lands laying within the Claim of and of the Gentlemen that Purchessed of mr Tufftin Mason

(1) that we Cannot take up with the Propseals made to us by Mr Samburn from said Gentle men to be mixed with the Inhabitants of other towns Voted

(2) yet we are willing to have some of said lands upon Reasonable terms If we can be to Gether and not mixt with the Inhabitants of other towns and have it as near to us as may be Voted

3[ly] that Capt Ephraim Marston Dea[c] Joseph Philbrick and En Jonathan Leavit or Either of them are here by Choose to go to said Gentle men and shew them our mind and Request in said affair Voted

attst Samuel Palmer

HENNIKER.

[This town was *Number* 6 in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts Jan. 16, 1735–6. As some of the grantees came from Marlborough, Mass., it was sometimes called *New Marlborough* or *Marlborough-town*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, July 16, 1752, to Andrew Todd and others, and sometimes called *Todd's-town*. Incorporated as Henniker Nov. 10, 1768, and named in honor of John Henniker, M. P.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 189; Index to Laws, 235; History, by L. W. Cogswell, 1880, pp. 807; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 340; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 22; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 387; address, 115th anniversary of Congregational Church, by J. M. R. Eaton, 1884; Historical Address, 66th Anniversary of Formation of Bible Class, May 1, 1814, by L. W. Cogswell, pp. 16.]

[*Petition of Webster and Smith*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 20.]

Portsmouth October 29th 1748

To the Gentlemen Purchasers & Proprietors of Masons Right in y[e] Lands in y[e] Prov[e] of New: Hampshire

We the Subscribers in behalfe of our Selves and others a Sufficient number of persons to Settle a Township of Six Miles Square among Such a Number of Settlers and upon Such Terms as you shall think meet, and shall be most agreable to you; We propose that tract of land, laid out by ye Mass^a^ Government for Six Miles Square and called Marlborough Town joining easterly upon Hopkinton so called & westerly N° 7 so called, northerly by Almsbury Town so called, Southerly by ungranted Lands—or if not in the Six miles Square described; where else it will best Suit ye Proprieters & your favours will very much Oblige us and others your Petitioners

John Webster
Nat^ll^ Smith

[*Smith and Webster's Plan of Henniker.*]

This Plan describeth a Tract, or Parcel of Land lying partly on ye North side, & partly on ye south side of ye River called Contoocook River, being ye sixth in Number of ye Townships which were, some years ago granted by ye General Court of ye Province of ye Massachusetts Bay, & laid out by order of ye said Court, commonly called, The Line of Towns. The said Tract or Parcel of Land bounded, & extending as follows; viz—

Beginning at ye Southeasterly Corner at a Hemlock-Tree, with Stones about it, ye said tree spotted on four sides, & marked with ye Letter H, & ye Figure 5 on ye easterly side; & with the Figure 6 on ye westerly side. Then running west five Degrees south, six Miles, to a Beach tree with Stones about it, spotted on four sides, & marked with ye Letters J W on ye easterly side, & J W & E W on ye westerly side. Then running North, fourteen degrees west, six miles by N° 7, to a Beach Tree with Stones about it, spotted on four sides, & marked with ye Letters J W & ye figure 9 on ye south side; & with IX on ye north side; & several of ye Trees near it are marked with ye Letters of Mens Names. Then running East, five degrees north, six miles, to a white Oak tree with Stones about it, spotted on four sides, marked with ye figure 6 on ye westerly side, & with ye numeral Letter V on ye easterly side. Then running south, fourteen degrees east, (by N° 5) six miles, across Contoocook River, to ye first Mentioned Bound.

James Scales Surveyor.
Nat^ll^ smith } Chain
Philip Eastman } men

[*Names of Applicants for Henniker*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 41.]

Rumford November ye 2nd 1748—

We the Subscribers promise to Settle a Township that Shall be granted Between a place Called N– B 5 / and N B 7

David Evens	Abraham Kimbal	Ruben Burbank
Peter Boueres	George Hall	Leborn Peters
Isaac Walker J^r^	Joseph Walker	Joseph Farnam
Danl Chase	Eb^r^ Hall	Ab^m^ Colbe
John Evans	Jerem^h^ Stickney	Isaac Chandler
Ezra Carter	Aron Stevens	Edward Abbott J^r^
James Scales Esqr	Joseph Simons	Thos Manuel
Amos Eastman	Daniel Annis	William Moor
John Webster	Nath^ll^ Smith	John Pudney Junr

Jacob Hoyt	Wm Peters	Ruben Abbott
Sam^{ll} Rodgers	John Burbank	Henry Pudney
Isaac Chandler Junr	Nath^{n} Lovejoy	Sam^{ll} Pudney
Benj^{a} Fyfield	David Foster	Jerem^{h} Bradley
Jerem^{h} Dresser	Eph^{m} Farnum	Stephen Farrington
Nathl West	Caleb Burbank	James Osgood
John Hoyt	Benj^{a} Eastman	Timothy Burbank

[*Timothy Walker's Request*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 42.]

Rumford Novr 9 1748

S^{r} I understand that a Number of Persons hereabouts have Employed Messrs Webster & Smith to Petition ye Proprietors of Masons Patent for a Tract of Land Known amongst us by ye name of Marlborough Town, I have such a Right there as ye Massachusetts Government Could Grant & should have made considerable Improvements there before ye war, but that ye House lott first laid out to me was not suitable for a settlement and it was but ye fall before ye war broke out that I had opportunity to get it Changed, now if ye Gentlemen should doe any thing in ye affair if you would Interpose your Kind offices on my behalf so that I might loose neither my Lott which I procured to be laid out at my own additional cost nor my Right, I should Think my self much oblidged to you & ye other Gentlemen concerned with you for any favour shown me relating to ye premises & Stand ready to comply with any orders or conditions Imposed on me relating to settlement & charges &c— I suppose some body from our Town will speedily be att Portsmouth in order to solliscit for a settlement of affairs with us I subscribe with all due Deference your very Humble serv^{t}— Timothy Walker

Honou^{ble} Theodore Atkinson Esqr

[*Petition of Andrew Todd and Others.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 43.]

Prov^{e} of New Hampshire } To the Hon^{l} the Purchasers & Proprietors of Mason's Right so called—

We the Subscribers Freeholders & Inhabitants of Said Province having an Inclination to Setle & improve some Part of S^{d} Right Humbly desire that we may have a Township granted us at or near

Hale's Town so called upon ye Same Terms & Conditions that you grant to our Neighbours or in Such other Place & upon Such other Terms as shall be most for ye Common Benefit & Advantage of you & us—

1 And^r^ Todd	2 John macmurphy	3 Samuell Boys
4 Robert Cochran	5 James Willson sen^r^	6 Thomas Willson
7 James Willson 3th	8 George Robertson	9 James Robertson
10 Robert Parkison	11 Henry Parkison	12 James Petterson
13 William Nickells	14 Thos Gregg	15 Thos M^c^Clerey
16 Alex^r^ mcCollom	17 John Reside	18 George Adison
19 Sam^ll^ Stewart	20 James Thompson Junr	21 John Hillands
22 James Willson Junr	23 Robert Wiear	24 John Pinkerton sen^r^
25 John Pinkerton Junr	26 Joseph Stewart	27 James Todd
28 Sam^ll^ Todd	29 Nat^ll^ Hoalms	30 Neall Hamell
31 Joseph Hamell	32 Joseph Bell	33 John Stewart
34 John Richey	35 Thos Boyes	36 Thos Davidson
37 John Davidson	38 John Duncan	39 George Duncan
40 Willm Duncan mill^r^	41 Henry Erwin	42 Willm forrest
43 Thos Cochran	44 James Cochran	45 Anthony Dyer
46 Willm Marten	47 John Scobey	48 David Scobey
49 James Rodgers	50 Elli Boyd	51 John Humphra
52 James Humphra	53 William Gallt	54 James Reid
55 Sam^ll^ Alleson Junr	56 Jacob Sargent	57 John Archibald
58 Joseph Willson	59 James Smith	60 James Willson
61 Mathew Taylor	62 William Ayers	63 Robert Riddall
64 William Hoalms	65 Joseph Boyes	66 Sam^ll^ Moore
67 James Wallace sen^r^	68 Robert fairservice	69 James Ewins
70 William Rodgers Senr	71 Hugh moungonry Junr	72 James Rodgers
73 James Allexander Black smith	74 Robert Lieution	[taylor—

[*Charter of Henniker*, 1752.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, July 16, 1752.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth July 16th 1752. Thursday five of the Clock Afternoon At the house of Ann Slayton the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted That There be and hereby is Granted unto John Macmurphy Esqr Andrew Todd Gent. Samuel Barr Gent. The Revd William Davidson Clerk Robert Cochran Gent Robert Livingston Blacksmith Robert Wallace Yeoman Nathaniel Aikin Yeoman John Mack Blacksmith John Macmurphy jun^r^ John Pinkerton Mathew Pinkerton

Daniel Leslie James Wilson the Third James Ewens Yeomen John Reside Weaver John Scobey Joseph Bell John Caldwell Yeomen William Ayres Tanner John Loggan Clothier John Loggan jun^{r} Weaver James Smith John Duncan Yeomen Isaac Brewster Weaver John McCullum Alexand^{r} McCullum Alexander Macmurphy James Wallace John Clarke George Duncan David Archibald William Mack jun^{r} John Stuart Thomas Boyes James Humphry Robert Fairservice Samuel Allison jun^{r} James Wilson of the South James Peterson Yeomen Robert Wear Leather Breeches maker Alexander McCullum jun^{r} James Wilson jun^{r} Robert Wilson Alexander Wilson William Rodgers Robert Rodgers Joseph Wilson Thomas Gregg Robert McCurdy Yeomen Hugh Wilson Gent Alexander Craige James Todd Samuel Todd William Ayres jun^{r} Yeomen all of Londonderry in said Province George Robertson of Chester in said Province Yeoman William Holms of Bedford in said Province Yeoman & William Peters of a place called Hopkinton in said Province Yeoman—In Equal shares on the Terms Conditions and Limitations herein after Expressed All the Right Title Claim Inheritance Estate and Demand of the said Proprietors to that Tract of land within the Province aforesaid Containing Six Miles Square by Estimation or equal thereto Bounded as follows Viz^{t} Beginning at the North West Corner (nearest) of New Hopkinton so Called thence on a Strait line to the North East Corner of Hilsborough so Called being by Estimation Six Miles then by said Hilsborough line to the South East Corner thereof being Supposed to be six Miles then on a Strait line to the South West Corner of said New Hopkinton then by that to the Corner where it begins all the said lines being Supposed to be six miles each—To have and to Hold the said Granted Premises to them their Heirs and Assigns in Equal Shares on the following Terms Conditions & Limitations That is to say that the whole Tract of Land above described be divided into Eighty Rights or equal Shares and Each Share into Three Lots which are to be so Sorted & Joined as to make the shares as equal as possible both for Quality and Quantity—That land be left between ye lots for Convenient High ways—That the whole be Surveyed & so Divided & laid out into Lots the lots Ranged and Numberd & an exact plan Thereof made & Returned to the Grantors within six Months from the Date hereof and upon the Return of said plan the lots to be drawn for in the Customary manner in such Cases at Portsmouth aforesaid under the Direction of the Grantors with this Exception that one lot belonging to one of the said Reserved Shares shall contain a Stream & Suitable place for Setting a Mill to be laid out and not drawn for to be hereafter disposed of as the Grantors please—That Nineteen of the said Shares be and hereby are Reserved

to the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns—That one of the said Shares be for the first Minister of the Gospel who shall be Regularly Settled on the said Tract of Land and Continue there during his life or untill he shall be Regularly Dismis't to hold to him his Heirs & Assigns—That one other of said Shares be for the use of the Ministry there forever and one other of said Shares for the use & Maintainance of a School after the said Tract of Land shall be Settled to be kept There forever. That one of the lots of the Share for the use of the Ministry be laid out in the most convenient place for Building a Meeting House without drawing for it and the Meeting House to be Built thereon & Round about the Meeting House or near to it (as will be best having Regard to the place and Quality of the Land) There shall be left ten acres of the said Lot as a Common Field for Training a Burying place and any other Publick use the Inhabitants there shall see Cause to apply it to—That Eighteen of said Shares be exempted & wholly Exonerated of and from all Charge Cost & expence in Making the Settlement and whatever Charges may arise for the Support of the Gospel or otherways by any ways & means whatsoever untill the same or some part of each Respective Share Shall be Improved by the owner thereof, That the owners of the other fifty nine Shares make a Settlement upon the said Tract of land in Manner following vizt That there be one Acre of land Cleared fit for Tillage or mowing on one of the lots belonging to each of said Shares within one Year from the time of Drawing the said lots that there be one acre more on each of said Lots so Clear'd & fitted within one year after that, and an house Built on the same Fit for a Family to Dwell in not less than Sixteen foot Square or equal to that Dimension That in one year after that one acre more on each of the said Lots be so Cleared and fitted and in one year after that there be a Family living in each of the said Houses that is a Family on a lot belonging to each of said Shares—That a Meeting House be built there fit for the Public Worship within one year after that. That there be Constant Preaching maintained there within six years from this time That each owner of the said fifty nine Shares do duly pay all such sum & Sums of money as shall be at any time Voted & Agreed by the Major part of the said owners to be raised on each share to such person or persons as they shall order to Carry on the said Settlement and shall do & perform his Respective part & duty towards making the same in manner aforesaid and in default of so doing his Right and Share who shall be delinquent therein shall be and hereby is Declared to be forfeited, to the other owners of said shares who shall have duly paid done and performed their Respective parts and Duty concerning the same in manner aforesaid and the said Owners in order to Carry on

& perfect the said Settlement may from time to time as Occasion shall require make Choice of a Clerk a Receiver of the monies to be raised as aforesaid and any other persons to any office duty & trust necessary for the purpose aforesaid and when any of the said Shares shall be so forfeited for Neglect & Omission as aforesaid the said owners to whom the same Shall be forfeited may proceed to Enter upon & Dispose of such forfeited Share as they or the Major part of them shall agree That all White pine Trees fit for his Majesty's use and Service for Masts are hereby Reserved & Granted to his Majesty his heirs & Successors forever— And in Case the owners of the said fifty nine Shares shall fail of making the said Settlement of the said Number of Families within the term Granted for that purpose & having the Houses Built & Land Cleared by that time as above mentioned then the said Tract of Land with whatever shall be done thereon short of the Compleating the said Settlement shall be forfeited to the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns and it shall and may be lawfull for them or any person or persons in their Name by their order into & upon the whole or any Part thereof in the name of the whole to Re-Enter & take full Seizin thereof as tho' this Grant had never been made— That in Case the said Granted premises shall be Recovered from the Grantees or any part thereof by any ways or Means whatsoever the Grantees shall Recover nothing over against the Grantors for any Improvements or Labour by them or any of them done or that shall be done thereon but the Grantors hereby promise & Ingage upon being properly Notified to take upon themselves the Defence of any Action that shall be bro't for the Recovery of the said Premises & any part thereof (by any other Title than that under which they hold or from which theirs is derived) against the Grantees or any of them—

That in Case an Indian War shall happen before the Expiration of any of the said Terms Limited for doing any of the said matters and Things aforesaid the like term of time shall be allowed after that Impediment Shall be Removed—

Lastly the Grantees shall as Soon as may be done with Conveniency hold a Regular Meeting & pass a Vote in Writing that they Agree Assent & Consent to accept of this Grant to hold the Premises on the Terms herein Expressed & to Ratify & Confirm this Agreement & Ingagement on their parts & behalfs Accordingly & Transmit an attested Copy thereof to the Grantors—

[*Vote of Grantees of Henniker*, 1752.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 44.]

At a legal Meeting of the Grantees of N° 6 to hear how farr the Commitee had proceeded in Laying out of the town that was Chosen for that End, and they Inform that they have Run the Lines of the town Round and Laid out the town into halfe Mile Ranges—

And they Desire that Application may be Made to the Lord Propriators for Some Longer time to Lay out Said town By Reason of the Dificulty of the Season and place to be Laid out, And it is voted that John MacMurphy Esqr and Capt Andrew Todd Shall Make Application to the Lords for Longer time which if they Deny they the Said Todd & MacMurphy is to Make Speedy Report to the Commitee that they May proceed which is Lookt on will be much to the Damage of the Affair in Regard of Quallifing the Lots—

A trew Copy p^{r} Robt Cochran Clerk
Londonderry Octr 30th 1752 to the Comunity

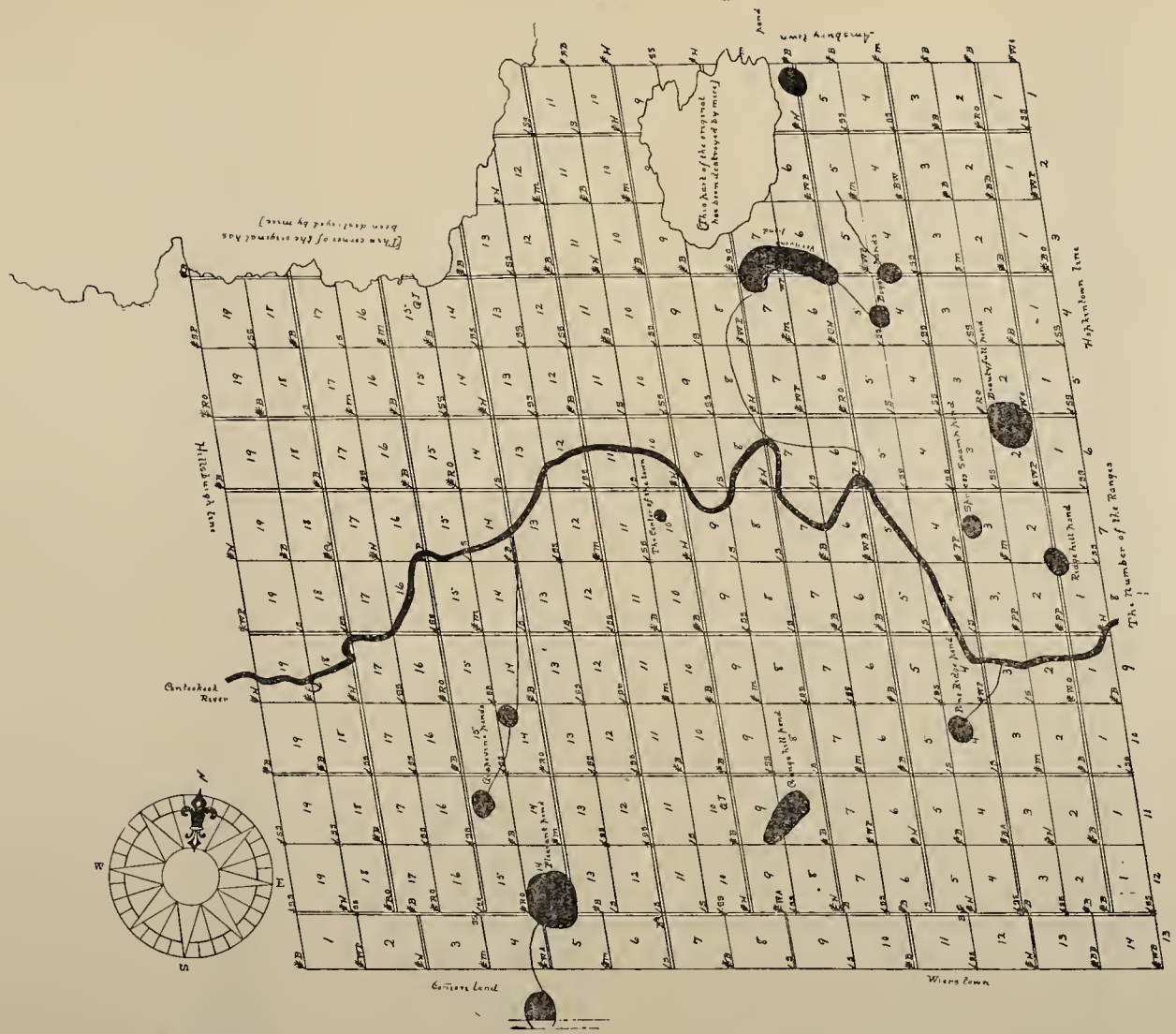
[*Draft of Lots in Henniker*, 1753.]

[Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 241, and Masonian Papers, Vol 6, p. 45.]

Province of New Hamps^{r} } The Draft of the Lots in the Tract of Land granted by the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr in New Hampshire to John McMurphy Esqr Andrew Todd Gent^{n} Samuel Barr Gent: & others, the 16th day of July 1752, which Lots were drawn under the Direction of the said Proprietors, the Grantors, in Portsmouth on Wednesday the 11th day of July 1753—vizt

Names drawn	N° Range & Lot	N° Range & Lot	N° Range & Lot
Ministry	7 — 10.	1 — 4.	1 — 13
Saw-Mill Lot	4 — 8.	3 — 5.	12 — 7
Robert McCurdy	9 — 13.	1 — 3.	2 — 4
William Ayers Junr	8 — 8.	4 — 4.	4 — 5
James Todd	10 — 3.	4 — 16.	5 — 16
James Patterson	6 — 15.	5 — 15.	13 — 11
Thomas Wallingford Esqr	5 — 10.	11 — 18.	2 — 11
John Wentworth Esqr	5 — 1.	8 — 14.	1 — 9
George Duncan	7 — 15.	9 — 19.	2 — 19
Thomas Gregg	6 — 11.	12 — 18.	1 — 16

[*Plan of Henniker*, 1753.]



To the Honourable the Grantors

Six in the line of towns, Granted by the Proprietors of lands purchassed of John Tuffton Mason Esq[r] To a society belonging to Londonderry in Said Province,—The Highways in the Ranges is run East and west,—and on the west side of the lines run North and South and is all four rods wide except the Sixth and Seventh rang which is Six Rods wide—Which township was Surveyed in the years [torn] Com-'ittee for divideing said township into lotts

A true plan Errors Excepted

Math[w] Patten } Surveyors
Daniel Leslie }

[torn] rods to an inch June 12th 1753

John Stuart	10 — 7.	7 — 3.	8 — 16
first Ministers Lot	7 — 12.	3 — 10.	2 — 1
Samuel Allison jun^{r}	9 — 7.	12 — 2.	11 — 12
John Scoby	11 — 15.	6 — 7.	4 — 18
James Willson	4 — 3.	9 — 16.	1 — 7
James Humphrey	6 — 4.	11 — 16.	13 — 10
Robert Weare	7 — 19.	13 — 1.	6 — 8
Robert Rogers	9 — 5.	8 — 18.	8 — 17
John McCullum	4 — 12.	9 — 18.	12 — 19
James Willson jun^{r}	5 — 8.	10 — 19.	11 — 19
Law Lot N° 2	10 — 14.	6 — 17.	4 — 10
John Reside	5 — 6.	13 — 5.	11 — 5
School Lot	7 — 8.	3 — 4.	2 — 7
Alex^{r} McCullum jun^{r}	5 — 4.	11 — 15.	11 — 5
Nathl Aiken	7 — 7.	4 — 1.	13 — 12
William Rogers	6 — 12.	11 — 11.	1 — 15
John Rindge	10 — 11.	7 — 1.	2 — 12
Daniel Leslie	9 — 15.	1 — 14.	1 — 1
James Smith	8 — 1.	9 — 17.	2 — 10
Robert Willson	6 — 13.	11 — 2.	1 — 12
Jotham Odiorne Esqr dec^{d} his right	6 — 14.	12 — 9.	12 — 8
Alexander Willson	8 — 5.	7 — 17.	6 — 16
John Loggan	6 — 6.	12 — 13.	3 — 7
John Moffatt Esqr	7 — 6.	3 — 11.	1 — 18
Alexander McMurphy	11 — 17.	6 — 9.	4 — 19
William Davidson	7 — 14.	13 — 2.	3 — 13
William Ayers	7 — 13.	4 — 9.	13 — 13
John Calwell	8 — 4.	10 — 17.	5 — 19
Thomas Boyes	9 — 3.	13 — 7.	10 — 4
Law Lot N° 1	7 — 5.	12 — 11.	1 — 19
Jn° Thomlinson & Jn° Tufton Mason Esq^{rs}	6 — 3.	11 — 14.	1 — 8
Alexander McCullum	9 — 2.	4 — 12.	13 — 9
Saml Solly & Clem^{t} March Esq^{rs}	10 — 18.	8 — 3.	8 — 2
John McMurphy Esqr	9 — 8.	7 — 18.	11 — 4
Joshua Peirce Esqr	6 — 5.	10 — 9.	2 — 15
Robert Fairservice	7 — 11.	2 — 5.	13 — 14
Joseph Willson	2 — 3.	12 — 1.	8 — 10
Alexander Craige	5 — 2.	9 — 12.	2 — 13
Samuel Barr	5 — 12.	13 — 4.	1 — 17
George Jaffrey Esqr	11 — 10.	3 — 16.	4 — 15
William Peters	10 — 10.	2 — 2.	5 — 17
Thomas Packer Esqr	8 — 12.	4 — 11.	3 — 19

James Wallace	10 — 16.	5 — 5.	2 — 16
George Robertson	10 — 8.	11 — 8.	3 — 12
John Pinkerton	11 — 13.	12 — 16.	1 — 6
Richard Wibird Esqr	10 — 5.	3 — 17.	4 — 17
Matthew Pinkerton	10 — 13.	7 — 2.	3 — 8
John McMurphy Junr	11 — 1.	4 — 14.	3 — 14
Theodore Atkinson Esqr	8 — 19.	9 — 6.	2 — 9
Hugh Willson	3 — 3.	9 — 9.	9 — 10
John Mack	5 — 13.	12 — 2.	12 — 3
Nathl Meserve Esqr & Co	6 — 10.	13 — 3.	1 — 2
Robert Cochran	5 — 3.	9 — 11.	2 — 18
James Ewens	8 — 7.	6 — 18.	12 — 4
John Loggan Junr	8 — 9.	2 — 6.	1 — 5
Danl Peirce Esqr & Mary Moore dec^{ds} Rights	9 — 14.	6 — 2.	3 — 9
Samuel Todd	10 — 2.	7 — 16.	3 — 18
William Holmes	8 — 13.	4 — 2.	1 — 10
Robert Wallace	7 — 4.	10 — 12.	11 — 12
John Duncan	9 — 4.	3 — 6.	1 — 11
Robert Livingston	7 — 9.	12 — 17.	6 — 1
William Mack	10 — 15.	9 — 1.	2 — 8
Andrew Todd	9 — 7.	4 — 7.	10 — 6
Isaac Brewster	11 — 9.	5 — 11.	2 — 14
James Willson South	12 — 14.	6 — 19.	4 — 6
Mark H^{g} Wentworth Esqr	8 — 15.	3 — 1.	3 — 2
John Clark	8 — 6.	13 — 6.	5 — 16
Joseph Bell	12 — 10.	13 — 8.	11 — 7
David Archibald	11 — 3.	5 — 14.	3 — 15
	10 — 1.	5 — 9.	2 — 17

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cle^{r}

a true [copy] of the Record of the Drafts of Lotts in the Township granted to John McMurphy Esqr &c^{a}

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[*Request of Baracies Farnum*, 1753.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 46.]

Honerad Gentelmen after Deue Respects the Comes to Returne you hartey thanks for Resirving me a right Amongst the Granties of no six and I would Pray a further Request that you would Except of my bulding of the Sawmill and tending of the Same In the Room of

the Rest of the setelment Injoined In the Cherter I shant troubly you aney further but Remains your hombel Servent

Baracies farnam

[*Robert Wallace to Proprietors.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 47.]

Sir / agreeable to the orders of the Lordproprietors to me some years ago to Dispose of the Millright in the Town of Hanacker for the use of the Inhabitants of said Town agreeable to said orders I have Disposed of said right in order to help towards Building a meeting house and mills in said Town which was agreeable to the minds of the Proprietors of said Town Pleas sir, to make a Record in your Book That I have Disposed of said right agreeable to said orders and you will much oblidge your hum^{ble} ser^{t}

Robert Wallace

Londonderry 12 august 1782
George Geffery Esqr

HILL.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Sept. 14, 1753, to Chester men. Incorporated as *New Chester* Nov. 20, 1778. Bridgewater was set off and incorporated Feb. 12, 1788. Portions of Hill and Bridgewater were combined and incorporated as Bristol June 24, 1819. A portion of Alexandria was annexed Dec. 21, 1820. A tract was severed from *New Chester* and annexed to Wilmot Dec. 21, 1832. The name of the town was changed to Hill Jan. 14, 1837, in honor of Gov. Isaac Hill. A portion was severed and annexed to Danbury June 26, 1858. The town was annexed to Merrimack County from Grafton, July 1, 1868.

See XII, Hammond Town Papers, 195; Index to Laws, 239, 395; sketch, by F. R. Woodward, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 547; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 549.]

[*Charter of Hill*, 1753.]

[From Copy in Possession of R. W. Musgrove, Bristol.]

Province of } Pursuant to the Powers and authority Granted
New Hampshire } and Vested in me the Subscriber by the Proprietors of lands Purchased of John Tuffton Mason Esqr in the Province of New Hampshire by their vote passed at their meeting held at Portsmouth in Said Province the 27th Day of August A D 1753—

I do by these presents on the terms and Limitations with the Reservations hereafter expressed give and grant all the Right Title Property possession Claim & Demand of the Proprietors aforesaid in the following proportions unto John Tolford four Shares John Mc Murphy Esqr James McFerson Matthew Thornton Esqr Ten Shares Robert Fletcher James Moor John Aikin John Mann John Tolford jun^{r} James Quenton Hugh Tolford Mark Karr William Graham Jacob Sergent James Wadwell John Durham, Samuel Gault, Robert White, Josiah Willard three Shares, John Mills, James White Timothy Ingalls, Henry Herring, Samuel Moores, John Underhill, William Tolford Samuel Emerson Thomas Craige, John Gordon Robert Craige Orlando Colby Joseph Clark Archabald Dunlap three Shares Henry Hall, Thomas Wills, John Hazeltine Ebenezer Dearborn James Shirla Thomas Shirla James Shirla Junr John Kelsey Richard Pearl Alexander M^{c}clure Joshua Tolford Stephen Ferrington one Share to each person not particularly mentioned above their proportion also to Jeremiah Colburn three Rights Samuel Searle three Rights Timothy Favour one Right Robert McMurphy on Right, Nathanael Ingalls one Right which Tract or Township shall be called New Chester of in and to all that Tract of Land Lying in the Province afforesaid bounded North Westerly by the line lately Ran & Marked for the western Bounds of Masons Patent Easterly by Pemigewassett River Southerly by a Tract of Land Called Emerys Town and Southwesterly by a Tract of Land Called Alexandria Bounded Beginning at the Northerly corner of Alexandria aforesaid in the patent line aforesaid and running from thence by Said Alexandria South easterly five miles and a quarter more or less to the most Easterly corner of Said Alexandria to a Hemlock Tree Marked, From thence the line Turns by Said Alexandria South Fifty three Degrees West eight Miles and a Quarter more or less to a Beach Tree marked from thence South Easterly by the line of Heiddleburg So called one mile to an Elm Tree to the Corner of said Heiddelburg and from thence South till it intersects the western line of Emerys Town about half a Mile from thence North Seventy three Degrees East by said Emerys line to Pemigewasset River and from thence Northerly Bounding by Pemigewassett River including all the islands against Said Tract till it Comes to where the patent Line aforesaid Crosses said River & From thence Running South westerly by the patent Line aforesaid to the Bound first mentioned which Tract Contains by estimation exclusive of Ponds Thirty Thousand acres.

To them their Heirs and Assigns To have and to hold on the following Terms and Conditions with the Reservations here in after Expressed (viz).

That the Tract of Land or Township aforesaid be Divided into Ninety three Equal Shares Two Lots at the Least to Each Share and to be Finished and Drawn for in Some public and Equitable manner at or before the last Day of November 1754 That Three of the aforesaid Shares be granted Free of Charge one for the first Settled Minister one for the Ministrey and one for the schools there for ever one Lot in each of the Said Shares to be first Laid out and Lots coupelled to them so as not to be Drawn for and Two Lots Containing one hundred acres Each for the incouragement of Building Mills to be Disposed of by the Grantees for that use That Twenty more of the Said Shares be reserved to and for the Grantors their Heirs and Assigns Forever and acquitted from all Duty and Charge untill improved by the owners or Some holding under Respectively.

That the owners of Forty of the other shares (viz) John Tolford three Shares James McFarson one Matthew Thornton Esq one James Moore one John Mann one Hugh Tolford one Mark Karr one William Graham one Jacob Sargent one John Durham one Samuel Gault one Robert White one Josiah Willard one John Mills one James White one Nathaniel Ingalls one Henry Herring one Samuel Moores one Samuel Emerson one Thomas Wells one Thomas Craige one John Gordon one Robert Craige one Orlando Colby one Joseph Clark one Archabald Dunlap three Henry Hall one John Hazelton one, Ebenezer Dearborn one James Shirla one James Shirla Junr one John Kelsey one Richard Pearl one Alexander McClure one Stephen Farrington one John Aikin one—Make Sittlement in the following manner (viz) each at the expiration of three years and Eight months from the Date hereof on each of the aforesaid forty shares have three acres parcel of his Right Respectively Cleared Inclosed and fitted for mowing and Tillage and a house built of a Room Sixteen feet Square at the least fitted for Comfortable Dwelling in and some person inhabitting in each house Respectively and Continue Resident and inhabitant there for seven years next coming by themselves or Some other person and annually for each of the Said Seven years Clear Inclose and fit as aforesaid one acre more——

That Twenty more of the Grantees (viz) John Tolford one John McMurphy Esq one Matthew Thornton Esq five Robert Fletcher one John Tolford J^{r} one James Quenton one James Waddell one Josiah Willard Two Timothy Ingalls one John Underhill one William Tolford one Thomas Wells one James Shirla one Joshua Tolford one Robert McMurphy one—Make Settlement in Manner as aforesaid in every Respect Saving only that they be allowed one year longer time for Doing and performing the Several and Respective parts of Duty of Sittlement and no longer

That a Convenient Meeting house for the Publick worship of God be built on S^{d} Tract where the Grantees shall think most Convenient within Ten years from this Date and Ten Acres of Land Reserved there for Publick use

That the Lands in Said Township or Tract belonging to grantors and grantees be subject to have all necessary highways Laid through them without any allowance or pay for damage That there be a further reservation to and for the grantors out of Said Tract of Five hundred acres to be Laid out at the Charge of the Grantees before the general Division of Said Tract under the Direction of me the subscriber or such other person as the Grantors as aforesaid Shall appoint so as not to Lye in the place where the Meeting House Shall nor prejudice the Town plat near the Same free from Duty and all Charges That the aforesaid Grantees their Heirs or Assigns by a Major vote in Publick Meeting Call^{d} for thet purpose grant and assess in Equel proportion such sum or sums of Money as they shall think necessary from time to time for Carrying forward and Compleating the sittlement aforesaid and every of the grantees exclusive of the three Publick Lots who shall neglect for the Space of Sixty Days next after such Assessment shall be granted and made to pay the Same So Much of Such Delinquent Right or Rights Respectively shall and may be sold as will pay such Tax & Taxes and all Charges arising thereon by a Committee to be appointed by the grantee for that purpose—and in case any of the Grantees Shall neglect or refuse to perform any of the articles aforesaid by him respectively to be Done he Shall Forfeit his share and Right in said Township and every part thereof to those of the grantees or their assigns who Shall have Complied with the conditions on their part herein expressed and it shall and may be lawful for them or any person by their authority to enter into and upon the rights Shares or part of Such Delinquent owner in the name and behalf of the whole of the grantees or their assigns shall have complied as aforesaid on their respective parts to a move oust & expell for the use of them their heirs & assigns provided they settle or cause to be Setled each Such Delinquents Right within the Term of one year at the Furthest from the period that is by this Instrument stipulated to be done as the Condition of this Grant and fully Discharge & Comply with the whole Duty Such Delinquent ought to have done within one year from Time to time after the Respective period thereof.

And in case the grantees or their assigns fulfill their part as aforesaid Shall neglect fulfilling as aforesaid the Duty of any Delinquent owner that then such share or shares Right or Rights So Delinquent shall Revert and Belong to the Grantors their heirs and assigns Free from Duty & Charges & be wholly at their Disposal

Further that the Grantees or their assigns within Thirty Days after the Said Tract shall be Lotted out & Drawn for shall Return a Plan of the Lots Numbered and Schedule of Such alotment & Draught Certified by their Clerk on oath into the Grantors Clerks office

Further that all white pine Trees fit for Masting his Majestys Navy growing on Said Tract be & hereby are Granted to his Majesty his heirs and Successors forever, always provided there Shall be no indian war within any of the times limited as aforesaid for Doing the Duty Conditioned in this Grant and in case that should happen the Same time to be allowed after Such impediment shall be removed for doing the respective Duty aforesaid—To all which Premises I Joseph Blanchard agent for and in behalf of the grantors have hereunto set my hand and Seal this fourteenth Day of September in the Twenty Seventh year of his Majesties Reign A D 1753

Signed Sealed & Deli[d] in presence of
James Minot Jun[r]
Sarah Blanchard

Joseph Blanchard (L. S.)

A true Copy Recorded June 2[d] 1806
Attest, Errors Excepted

Carr Huse Proprietors Clerk

[*Draft of Lots.*]

[From Copy in Possession of R. W. Musgrove, Bristol.]

A schedule of the names of the Proprietors of New Chester with the number of each proprietors lots as they were drawn

Proprietors' Names		1st Division	2d Division	3d Division	4th Division
Matthew Thornton Esqr	No	22	71	90	51
Archabald Dunlap		55	34	6	93
John Tolford Esqr		38	22	66	24
Matthew Thornton Esqr		40	7	42	8
Joseph Clark		35	8	10	11
Ensign William Talford		9	20	5	3
John Tolford Esqr		57	57	7	69
John McMurphy Esqr		74	61	52	37
John Gordon		24	32	2	18
Matthew Thornton Esqr		10	13	88	6
John Tolford Esqr		48	53	45	39
Robert McMurphy		94	55	70	65
Matthew Thornton Esqr		59	92	39	70
Ensn Henry Hall		20	67	16	31
Thomas Shirley		1	37	23	14
John Tolford jr		45	40	80	91
John Durham		91	84	92	57
Lieut Robert Fletcher		31	41	27	19
Hugh Tolford		7	18	3	12
Ensn James Quinton		78	59	53	42
Coll Josiah Willard		46	30	84	90
Matthew Thornton Esqr		6	1	87	4
Stephen Ferrington		23	74	76	28
Robert Craige		76	56	73	22
Jeremiah Colburn		49	25	20	82
John Tolford Esqr		3	16	28	29
James Shirley Junr		89	79	32	64
Matthew Livermore Esqr		60	93	38	75
Matthew Thornton Esqr		86	87	55	66
Mark Hs Wintworth		52	27	46	84
John Mills		56	39	50	80
Samuel Moores Esqr		8	19	67	13
Timothy Ingalls		75	64	54	89
James White		62	90	40	85
Capt John Underhill		41	69	83	34
Capt Thomas Wells		90	83	33	60
Joshua Tolford		66	52	68	74
Nathanael Ingalls		15	12	25	55

Proprietors' Names.	1st Division	2d Division	3d Division	4th Division
Samuel Searls	47	23	43	92
Capt James Shirley	88	77	31	56
John Kelsey	85	88	11	81
Jotham Odiorn Esqr	83	33	69	49
Col Theodore Atkinson	30	46	63	21
Lieut Thomas Craige	27	2	21	25
Col Joseph Blanchard	42	3	85	35
Lieut Ebenezer Dearborn	81	80	60	59
James McFarson	32	14	29	48
Jeremiah Colburn	28	42	61	27
Samuel Gault	82	81	35	47
Samuel Searls	5	44	82	5
John Man	92	85	44	15
Peirce & Moore	34	38	93	40
Robert White	53	29	49	88
Capt John Moffatt	80	86	59	61
Jeremiah Colburn	69	62	13	76
Matthew Thornton Esqr	63	60	51	79
Thomas Wallingsford Esqr	68	63	56	78
Matthew Thornton Esqr	58	82	41	87
George Jaffrey Esqr	16	6	89	54
John Aikin	18	50	17	32
Wm Parker Esqr	54	34	49	68
Joshua Peirce Esqr	43	28	81	36
John Ringe	64	73	58	63
Jacob Sargent	77	66	48	62
Matthew Thornton Esqr	23	9	62	26
	67	89	14	77
Coll Messhove & others	36	5	64	10
James Wadwell	93	36 & 68		58
Thomlinson & Mason	44	24	75	44
Orlando Colby	51	26	74	86
Henry Herring	73	15	8	67
Samuel Searls	37	21	65	7
Col Josiah Willard	19	51	36	43
Wm Graham	14	11	24	17
Alexander McCluer	70	58	72	50
Solly & March	21	70	26	30
John Wentworth Esqr	65	54	57	72
Timothy Favour	4	43	22	2
Matthew Thornton Esqr	39	4	19	9
John Haseltine	12	47	78	1
Col Thomas Packer	2	17	4	16

Proprietors' Names	1st Division	2d Division	3d Division	4th Division
Archabald Dunlap	33	31	15	46
Richard Wibird Esqr	13	10	91	20
Coll Josiah Willard	87	76	30	41
Richard Pearl	84	91	34	38
James Moores	79	65	9	52
Archabald Dunlap	17	49	86	53
Mark Karr	11	48	18	33
Samuel Emerson Esqr	50	53	73	83

Portsmouth September 8 1806
Copy Examined / Jeremiah Libbey Propsrs Clerk

In the Masonian proprietors Five hundred acre lots Drawn Decr 24th 1781 as follows

Tomlinson & Mason	No 1
Meserve & Co	" 2
Theodore Atkinson	" 3
Thomas Packer	" 4
John Moffatt	" 5

New Chester Oct 3d 1806
Copy Examined Carr Huse Propsrs Clerk

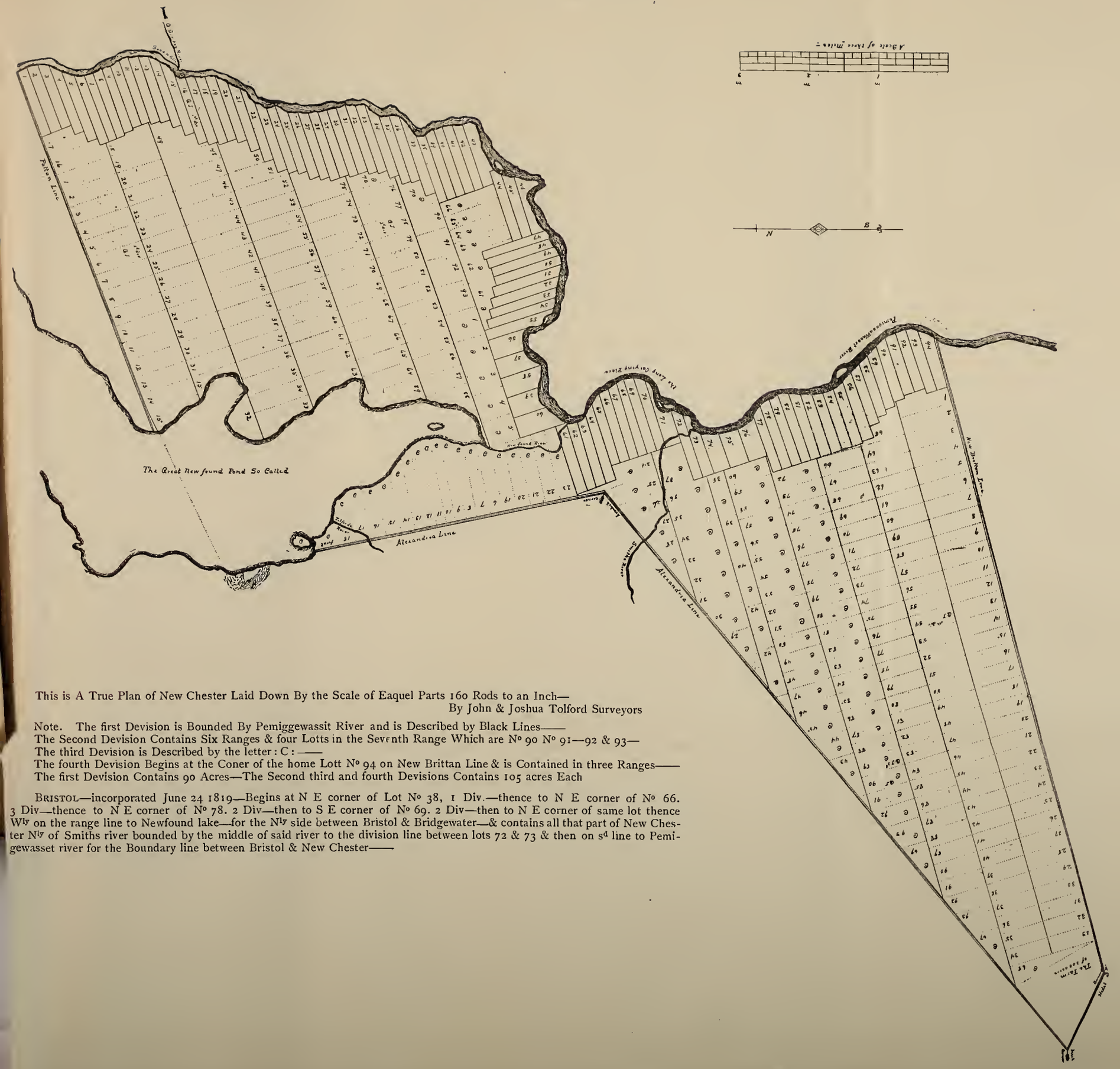
[*Reserved Lots.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 4, p. 73.]

Division of Lots in New-Chester and three Lots in Kyah Sarge to make fifteen Lots; one to each Right

The Draft of the Lots to the 15 Purchasers Rights, vizt

To Richard Wibird Esqr Lot No 55 3d division in New Chester
To John Moffatt Esqr—5 in the 500 Acre Lot in New Chester
To George Jaffrey Esqr—78 2d div: in New Chester
To Mark Hg Wentworth Esqr—8 in Kyah Sarge
To Jotham Odiorne Esqr—66 4th div: in New-Chester
To Thomas Packer Esqr—4 the in 500 Acre Lot in New Chester
To Thomlinson & Mason—1 in the 500 Acre Lot in New Chester
To Solly and March—72 1st div: in New Chester
To Joshua Peirce Esqr—29 1st div. in New Chester



This is A True Plan of New Chester Laid Down By the Scale of Eaquel Parts 160 Rods to an Inch—
By John & Joshua Tolford Surveyors

Note. The first Devision is Bounded By Pemiggewassit River and is Described by Black Lines——
The Second Devision Contains Six Ranges & four Lotts in the Seventh Range Which are N° 90 N° 91—92 & 93—
The third Devision is Described by the letter: C: ——
The fourth Devision Begins at the Coner of the home Lott N° 94 on New Brittan Line & is Contained in three Ranges——
The first Devision Contains 90 Acres—The Second third and fourth Devisions Contains 105 acres Each

BRISTOL—incorporated June 24 1819—Begins at N E corner of Lot N° 38, 1 Div.—thence to N E corner of N° 66. 3 Div—thence to N E corner of N° 78. 2 Div—then to S E corner of N° 69. 2 Div—then to N E corner of same lot thence W^ly on the range line to Newfound lake—for the N^ly side between Bristol & Bridgewater—& contains all that part of New Chester N^ly of Smiths river bounded by the middle of said river to the division line between lots 72 & 73 & then on s^d line to Pemigewasset river for the Boundary line between Bristol & New Chester——

To Peirce and Moore—9, 2d div. in New Chester
To John Wentworth Esqr 10 in Kyah Sarge
To Theodore Atkinson Esqr 3 in the 500 Acre Lot in New Chester
To Thomas Walingford Esqr—12 in Kyah Sarge
To John Rindge—62 3d div. in New Chester
To Meserve and Compa—2 in the 500 Acre Lot in New Chester

[*Petition of Joshua Tolford*, 1766.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 48.]

To the Proprietors of ye Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqur, in the Province of New Hampshire—

The Petition of Joshua Tolford of Chester one of the Grantees of the Tract of Land granted by ye Said Proprietors called New Chester —Sheweth

That in the first Division of Said New Chester there is a Lot numbered Seventy one—allotted to any of ye Grantees who would engage to build a Saw Mill and Grist Mill in Said New Chester—but no Person will undertake to build Said Mills for ye Consideration of Said Lot Numbered Seventy one—and for Want of the Conveniency of a Saw-mill the Settlement of said new Chester is much retarded and even prevented—your Petitioner being very desirous of forwarding ye Settlement of New Chester, would immediately engage in building Said Mills there if you would grant to him Lot numbered Seventy two, which is reserved to you ye Said Proprietors or if you would not grant to your Petitioner Said Lot numbered Seventy two in the first Division that you would make an Exchange with him, Said Lot numbered Seventy two for his lot drawn to him numbered Sixty Six, in Said first division the reason for his Request of ye Grant of ye Lot Seventy two—or to make ye Exchange of it for ye Said Lot Sixty Six, is this, that one Lot is not Sufficient to make a good Settlement by it Self, but with ye addition of another Lot joining to it will be a good encouragement to Settle and improve—Wherefore your Petitioner pray's, for himself and ye other Grantees of Said New Chester, that you would make him ye Grant of Said Lot Numbered Seventy two, or Exchange it with him for his Said Lot Numbered Sixty Six in the first Division of Said New Chester—and you will oblige your Petitioner and the Said Grantees— Chester March the 12th 1766—

Joshua Tolford

Whereas Joshua Tolford Esqr hath petitioned the Proprietors to grant to him, or Exchange with him the Lot Numbered Seventy two in ye first Division of Lots in ye Tract of Land granted to John Tol-

ford Esqu^{r} & others, for his Lot in Said granted Tract of land Numbered Sixty Six in Said first division of Lots, in order to ye making a Settlement with ye Mill Lot assigned to Such person as would undertake to erect Mills for ye Use & Benefit of ye Grantees & Settlers of Said Tract Therefore Voted That upon Condition that the Said Joshua make a good & Sufficient deed of Conveyance of Said Lot numbered Sixty Six in ye first division of Lots of Said Tract of Land, to ye Said Proprietors, and shall erect good Mills on ye mill Privilege reserved in Said Tract of Land—that the Said Prop^{rs} hereby grant all their Right Title & Property of in & to the Said Lot Numbered seventy two in the Said first Division of Lots in Said Tract of Land to the Said Joshua Tolford his heirs & assigns

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[*Exchange of Lots in Hill*, 1766.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 48.]

Know all Men By these Presents That I, Joshua Tolford of Chester in the Province of New Hampshire Esqr for and in Consideration of a Lot of Land Numberd Seventy two in the first Divisions of Lot in a Place calld New Chester granted by the Proprietors Claiming under John Tufton Mason Esqr and In Consideration of five Shillings to me in hand paid by Theodore Atkinson of Portsmouth in Said Province Esqr for & in behalf of Said Proprietors the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged Have given granted bargain'd & Sold and by these Presents Do give grant bargain Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the Said Theodore Atkinson his Heirs & Assigns for the use herein after Declared all my right Title Interest Claim Challenge and Demand of in and unto all that Lot of Land in said Division Numberd Sixty Six which fell to me in the Draft made of the Lots there To have and to hold the Said granted Premises the said Right title & Demand to the Said Lot of Land Numberd Sixty Six with all the Privileges & Appurtenances thereof to him the said Theodore Atkinson his Heirs & Assigns to & for the use of Said Proprietors and their Successors forever In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal the 3rd Day of April Anno Dom. 1766—

Joshua Tolford

Signed Sealed & Delivered
In presence of us—
Hugh Tolford
John Tolford Junr

Province of New Hampshire Chester Aprile 28th 1766 then the above Named Joshua Tolford Acknowledged this Instrument to be his free act and Deed—

Before Samll Emerson Justt Peace

[*Improvements in Hill*, 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 49.]

by Virtue of a Power Granted to me by the Proprietors of Lands Commonly Called Masons Patent Lying in the Province of New hampshire and Agreable to my Instructions I Did in the Name of the Said Proprietors and for them on the twentyeth Day of July A D 1771 Enter and Take Possession of the forfetted Lands Lying in a Place Called New chester & on the 22 Day I Eentered the Place Called Alexandria & on the 23 Day the Place Called New Britton and on the 24th the Place Called Perryes Town and on the 25th the Place Called Herreford & did Openly Declare my Entering and Takeing Possion of the forfeted Lands in Each and Every of those Places to be by Virtue of a Power Given to me by the Said Proprietors & also Openly Declared that I then in the Name and for the Use of the Said Proprietors Held in Possession All and Every of the forfeted Lands Lots Tracts & Destinctly & Seperated to their Use & Did Openly & Strictly fordid any Person Entering any of those forfeted Lots or Tracts of Land or Doing any Trespass theiron Declareing that I then Reinstated the sd Proprietors in the full Possion of all the forfetted Lands in Each Place aforementioned Perticularly

		House	Famely	years	months	Acres Improved	How Long year	How Long month	Acres Cut	How Long	No of Lot	Division	under whome or whom Drown by
1	Cutting Favour one Not finished—	2	1	4	—	35	1	—	30	1 6	77 and 78	1	James Quantin & wintrup Sargant 2 wrights
2	Jeremiah Quimbe	1	1	1	4	17	—	—	—	——	79 and 82	1	——
3	Jacob Heath	1	1	1	6	6	1	—	—	——	88 and 89	1	——
4	Kar Huse	1	1	1	4	8	—	—	—	——	90	1	Capt wells for 1 wright ½
5	Henery Wells	1	1	—	3	5	—	—	—	——	91	1	——
6	Robert Foresaith	1	1	3	—	16	—	—	—	——	73	1	Mathew Foresaith
	Robert Foresaith	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	— 1	74	1	Major Tolford & Ensign Tolford
7	Joshua Tolford	1	1	2	Cheifly	10	—	—	6	1 —	72	1	a Mill Lot & Lot No—
8	Peter Sleeper	1	1	3	—	8	—	—	8	— —	63 & 51	1	Esqr Thornton &
9	Gideon Sleeper	1	1	2	—	13	—	—	—	— —	62	1	James White
10	Moses Worthen	1	1	1	—	7	—	—	—	— —	59	—	Esqr Thornton
11	Ebenezer Iingalls	1	1	1	6	6	—	—	—	— —	58	1	Esqr Thornton
12	Thomas Lock	1	1	1	6	3	—	—	4	1 —	56	1	John Mills—Claimed by John Tolford
13	Benjamin Emmons	1	1	2	—	12	—	—	—	— —	50	1	Esqr Emmerson of Chester
14	John Underhill	1	1	2	—	8	—	—	—	— —	—	1	Capt Under Hill Cut 2 acres Under Esq Thornton
15	Peter Heath	1	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	— —	14	1	——
16	Josiah Heath	1	1	1	6	2	—	—	—	— —	11	1	——
17	Jonathan Croford	1	1	2	—	5	—	—	—	— —	10	1	——
18	Thomas Croford	1	1	2	—	7	—	—	—	— —	9	1	Esqr Thornton
19	Robert Croford	1	1	3	—	15	—	—	—	— —	5 No 6 & No 7	1	——

20	John Mitchel	1	1	4	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	Charles Johnson
21	John Tolford	1	been 12	built a mon t h	bout s	10	Part time	ly impr s for 5	oved hi years L	mself at iveing their		45	1	his own
	No Residents													
	John Tolford	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	10	1	—	44	1	——
	John Tolford	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	2	—	—	46	1	——
	John Tolford	—	—	—	-	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	mc Farsons
	David Emmerson	1	Partly	Done	—	1	—	4	3 or 4	2 or 3 years		—	—	Robert Mc murphey
	Ellec Mc clure	—	—	—	—	0.¾	1	—	2	—	—	76	1	——
	Ellex Mc clure	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	0 9 months		75	1	——
	Major Tolford	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	—	61	1	also built 2 mills on the Proprietors Cost
	Jonathan Iingalls	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4 or 5	this Summer		57	1	Major Tolford
	L[t] Joseph Basford	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 or 3	——		55	1	——
	Robert Runnels	—	—	—	—	1½	this	Spring	2	—	2	—	1	——
	Nathan Cast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5	81	1	——
	Chase Fuller	1 house laid ou Certain	Some t but ly tell	Say & we can	Now not	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	Esqr Thornton

[*Report of Committee in Regard to Hill*, 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 50.]

In Pursuance of a Vote passed the 30th of July last We have examined into the State and confered with Messrs. Tolford and McMurphy Proprietors of the Town of New Chester concerning the Forfeiture of the said Town and now return the following Report of our doings therein.

It appears to us the Township of New Chester is forfeited for Non compliance with the Conditions of the Grant and is reseized by the Attorney of the Proprietors and We are of Opinion that the same be appropriated to the Use and Benefit of the Proprietors, reserving to certain Persons inhabiting and improving in the Said Town as follows.

That, it appearing to us upon the said Conference there are 22 Houses with Families resident upon parts of certain Rights in the said Town we are of Opinion that althô they may have not complied entirely with the Terms of the Charter yet that each whole Right on part of which the said Houses are built and Improvements made should be reserved for and confirmed to the proprietors of such Rights.

That, it appearing to us upon the said Conference there are 11 Persons who have begun making Improvements upon certain Lots but have no Houses and are not resident in the said Town, we are of Opinion that the said Eleven Persons should remain possessed of the Lots on which such Beginnings have been made respectively provided that such Persons continue to make progressive Improvements and have a dwelling House built and a Family resident thereon within the space of twelve months.

Portsmth 15th August 1771 — J Fisher, D Rogers } Committee

[*Summons to Samuel Atkinson and Cutting Favor*, 1772.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 51.]

PROVINCE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE
Rockingham ss

TO Samuel Atkinson of Boscawen & Cutting Favor of a place called New Chester both in sd County

YOU are hereby Required in his Majesty's Name to make your Appearance before the Justices of his Majesty's Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be held at *Portsmouth* in the Province of *New-Hampshire*, on the first Tuesday in February Inst to give Evidence of

what you know relating to an Action of Trespass There to be heard and tried betwixt Proprietors of Mason's Claims Pla[ts] and John Atwood Def[t]

Hereof fail not, as you will answer your Default, and the Pains and Penalties in the Law in that behalf made and provided. Dated at Portsmouth, Feb[ry] the third Day, in the Twelfth Year of his Majesty's Reign, Annoque Domini, 1772

Is. Rindge Cl

travil 130 miles attendance five Day

Sam[l] Atkinson

travil 160 miles y[e] 14 of febuary 1772 attendance till friDay

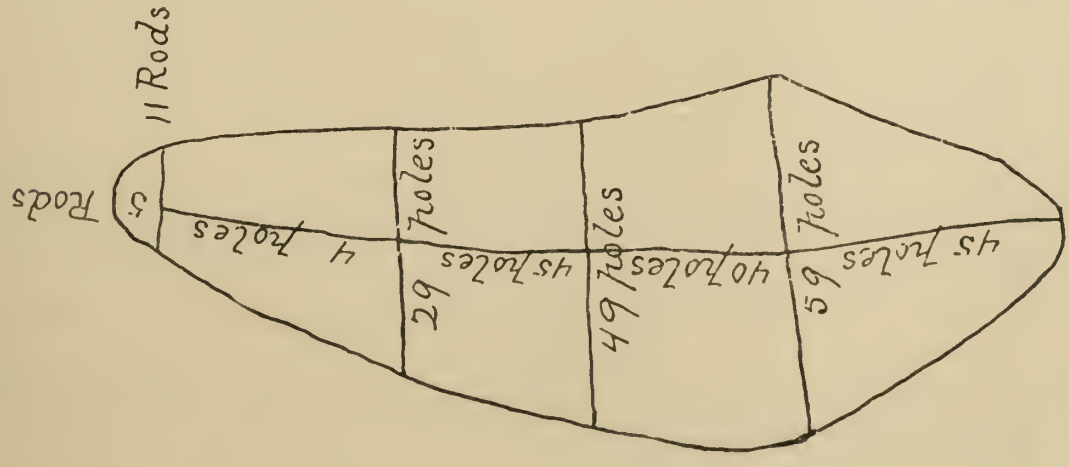
Cutting favour

[*Petition of Cutting Favor.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 51.]

To The Honrable Theodore Atkinson Esq[r] and the Hon[able] the Propriators of the Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq[r] Called Masons Pattent—The Petetion of Cutting Favour who Sheweth that He wos the Second famely that Moved in to the New plantation within your Pattent Called Newchaster that he Has Made Large Improvements in Said Place & that Part of his Improvements adjoyn Pemechawosset River on Lot 77 & 78 in the first Division that in Said River their is a Small Island Containing about 18 Acres which Lyes 170 Rods in Length against his Improvements & that if he wos the owner of Said Island he Could Inclose his Improvements with Much Less Cost your Petitioner there fore Prays that your Honours would be pleased to Sell the Same Island to him for So much Money as may be Agreed on and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall ways Pray

Cutting favour



[*Lot Sold for Taxes and Redeemed*, 1779.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 52.]

Know all Men By these Presents that I Jonathan Ingals of New Chester in the County of Grafton in the State of Newhampshire Collector of Taxes of and for the Town of New Chester in Said State and County for the year 1778 By Vertue of Sundry Acts or Laws of Said State Relative to Levying and Collecting Taxes of Nonresident Proprietors of Lands in Several Towns and Parrishes in Said State, For and in Consideration of the Sum of five Pound three Shillings and two Pence L My) to Me in hand paid Before the Delivery hereof By Simeon Cross of New Chester Joyner the Receipt where of I do Acknowledge have Given Granted and Sold and By these Presents Do Give Grant Sell and Convey unto him the said Simeon Cross his Heirs and Assigns for Ever a Certain Parcel or Tract of Land Situate and Being in New Chester thirty two acrees of the Lot N° 29 in the first Division Laid out and Drawn to a Blank Right he the said Simeon Cross Being the highest Bidder for the Same at a Publick Vendue Duly Notifyed and held this Day at the Dwelling House of Captn Cuttin Feavors By Jonathan Ingals Appointed for the Sale of Such Lands in Said New Chester affore Said as Belonging to Such Nonresident Proprietors or owners as are Delinquent in Paying the Said Taxes Assessed thereon. To have and to Hold the Said Granted Premises with the Appurtenances thereof to him the Said Simeon Cross his Heirs and Assigns in fee Simple Forever and I the Said Jonathan Ingals, Collector as Affore Said Do in My Said Capacity Do Covenant and agree to and with the Said Simeon Cross his Heirs and Assigns to warrent and Defend the Said Premises to him the Said Simeon Cross his Heirs and Assigns against the Lawful Claims and Demands of any Person or Persons whomsoever in witness where of I Do here by Set My Hand and Seal the Eighth Day of April Anno Domini 1779 Jonathan Ingals

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered
in Presence
Carr Huse
Joshua Tolford

June ye 12 1779 Recd the Contents of the with In being two Pound four & two pence in full for the Tax and Charges of the within Lot

pr me Jonathan Ingals

[Endorsed]

Deed of Land in New Chester redeemed by Saml Atkinson after being sold at Vendue & Receipts—

[*Report on Lots in Hill*, 1822.]

Extract from Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 52.]

Land in New Chester

one fourth part of lot Numbered 46 third division deeded to A. G. Stevens by William Flanders October 27th 1801—also another fourth part of Said lot deeded to Said A. G. Stevens by Wm Challes Nov. 2nd 1803—the other half deeded to Jona Dickerson by Joshua Rowell April 14. 1800. and Supposed to have been deeded to Joshua Rowell about the last of 1779—or first of 1800, by John Peirce of Portsmouth—

Lot No. 81—third division—New Chester occupied by Samuel Avory. Middling lot mixture of growth fifteen or twenty acres begun & part under improvement Cut two or three tons of hay—no road, Val. 300 dol.

Lot Numbered 52 1st division New Chester Bridgwater which Conveyed to Daniel Smith Esq. of New Hampton by John Fisher Esq by his attorney John Peirce August 16th 1805—

Lot No 27—2nd division lies in Bridgwater sold to Jabell Shepherd Thompson Nov. 26. 1811 by John Peirce and acknowledged same day—Quit claim Occupied by David Thompson—Some improvements a Broken lot and lies two miles from the Mayhew turnpike road over a bad hill. Decent buildings worth about 450 dollars—

90 4th division New Chester over one half flowed by a mill pond; timber dead, being a Boggy piece of land with Considerable of white pine timber but mostly dead and Cut. South end middling good; no road value 175 dollars—

asked Flanders $250 for this N° 90. 4 N. Chester sold B. P. Fifield 6 Dec 1822 for $200

26 4th division Claimed by Benjamin Shaw of New Chester by the virtue of vendue deeds—lies North side of a mountain North end middling good South end barren waste, no road—

Lands in New Chester

Lot No. 27 4th division lies North Side mountain North end about midling good, South end barren mountain, no Road, growth of this lot and 26 is a mixture of hard wood, and black tops—

Lot No 28 4th division Same as 26 & 27 as to Situation growth & road—50 acres of it claimed by Capt John Searl of New Chester under an old vendue title—

Lot No. 36 4th division lies on the North side of the mountain, Broken, no road, a mixture of growth

HILLSBOROUGH.

[This town was *Number* 7 in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1735–6. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Jan. 26, 1748–9, to John Hill and others, and named in honor of Col. John Hill. Incorporated Nov. 14, 1772.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 379; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 203; Index to Laws, 241; Annals, from first settlement to 1841, by Charles James Smith, 1841, pp. 72; sketch, by Frank H. Pierce, 1, Granite Monthly, 369; sketch, by Harry Brickett, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1886, p. 391; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 17; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 180, 182, 184; Life of Franklin Pierce, by Nathaniel Hawthorne, 1852; Biographical Notices of Physicians, by B. H. Phillips, 1, N. H. Repository, 215; The Birthplace of a President, by F. M. Colby, 4, Granite Monthly, 69.]

[*Petition of David Baldwin*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 53.]

Pelham Decem^{r} 9, 1748

To the Honourable Lord Proprietors In the Goverment of New hamsher I Would In Form Your Honours That upon the Third Day of this Instant I Set out From Sudbury to Cum to Portsmouth to Treet With Your Honours Concerning a Certain Tract of Land that Was Granted to Jonathan Butterfeild of Chelmsford of Three Hundred acres Joyning to the South Side of Hilsbro and Likewise one Hundred acres of Land Joyning to the Three hundred acres that Is Within ye Bounds of hilsbro. Which Fore Hundred acres the Purchasing and Setteling a Famely on It, has Cost me moore then a Thousand Pounds old Tenor. I Pray that your Honours Would Consider my Case and order it so that Henry Baldwin Esqr might settel the affare With Your Honours Concerning the above Sd Land By Reason of my Being Not able to Travel

In So Doing You Will Very much Oblidge Your Humble Ser^{vt}

David Baldwin

Jany 26: 1748 Considered in a Meeting that ye Petition within mention'd be not forgotten

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[*Petition of Col. John Hill*, 1748–9.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 54.]

Portsmouth Jan^{r} 26: 1748—

To the Prop^{rs} Purchasers of the Grant made To Capt Jno Mason Merch^{t} in London by the Council of Plimouth, Lying in the Province of New Hamp^{r} in New England Gent^{n}/

I purchased of Sundry Prop^{rs} who had Their Grant from the Massachusetts Goverment a Township in the line of towns (Called N° 7 or Hillsborough & Latley I've bin Informed that that Township falls within the Limits of the S^{d} masons Grant. Against Whome I've no Inclination to Dispute

Therefore Gentlemen if it be the Case that the S^{d} Lands are Situated within your property I would gladly Acquaint you that, free from desingn of Injuring any Body but with a view to Serve my Country and my Self Have in Bringing forward a Setlement of a Town in the most usefull man'er, for the Publick Service; Have been at near 20000£ Charge; if within it is at the Extream parts of your Grant the Attempt of Setling of that Remote Wilderness, Opening Roads Discovering the Cuntry And Being a Barricord Previous to the entry on ye Lands Within, Has bin of Sup^{r} Service (be it within your Claim) to Any Recompence you Have in your Generosity, Accepted from Sundry of your Near grants & Shall in that Way further prosecute any Duty of Setlement you think advisable for publick Service on that Land and Esteem it a favour for your Quitclaim to those Lands that I may pursue my Setlement free from debate, & with Incouragement to Industry Shall Readily Submitt my Self to your Compassion And order therein, I am Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient Humble servent
John Hill

[*Quit-Claim to Hillsborough*, 1748/9.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Jan. 26, 1748/9, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 55.]

Upon Reading & Considering the Request & Petition of Coll^{o} John Hill of Boston Esqr to have a Quit Claim from the Said Proprietors of their Right to that Tract of land Commonly called Hillsborough to him the Said John Hill for the Reasons Set forth in his Petition on file

Voted That that the Said Proprietors first Reserving to themselves their heirs & assigns the Quantity of Seventeen hundred Acres of the said Tract of land to be laid out as the Said John Hill shall think most Convenient for promoting the Settlement there but not to be Subject to any Charge or Tax untill improved by Said Proprietors or those who hold under them or any of them have and hereby do grant (on the Terms & Conditions hereafter mentioned) all their Right Title Estate Interest & Property of in and unto the Said Tract of land and Quit their Claim unto the Said Tract of land called & known

by ye name of Hillsborough to him ye Said John Hill his Heirs and Assigns forever he Returning to the Proprietors a Plan of the Said Township shewing the Lots and how the Said Seventeen Hundred Acres are laid out—also Reserving all Pine Trees for his Majesty's Use fit for masting the Royal Navy

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[*John Hill to Proprietors*, 1759.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 56.]

Boston Jany 29—1759

Gentlemen

I Rec^d^ Yours of the 28th—of Decem^r^ Last but Not until the 18th Instant & had not an opertunity to Communicat it to the Proprietor until the 22^d^ Instant—In Answer to which I am directed to Say that as to What the Setlers Represented at their Vissets and by there petitions Wee hop wee shall be heard before Judgmen be Given aganst us —as to there Not being able to Obtain deeds of and Assuranc of there Lands it is a most falls Scandelus and bace Representation for wee have been allways Ready to Give them all the Right title and Interest wee have in the Land, and before any of them went on the Land wee Gave Deeds to 24. of them, whi^h^ is Now Exstent—but thay have so Choped and Changed among them selves as has bro:t them Into Confution, Notwithstand wee have given Deed to all of them that would Except Shuch title from us as wee have Receiv'd & as to Returning a plan with the Reservations wee have been Ready for sum time and Expect^d^ Mr Gridly would been with you sumtime agoe with whom wee have Left the setlement of the Whol affare—but he tells us that Indissption and hurry of Bisuness has hindered him to this time but he will Imbrase the first opertunity that the season and his health will permit to wait on you & Setle the Wholl affare, hop to the Satisfaction of all Concerned—by order and in Behalf of the Proprietors I am

Gentlemen Your Most Humble ser^t^

John Hill Pro^s^ cl

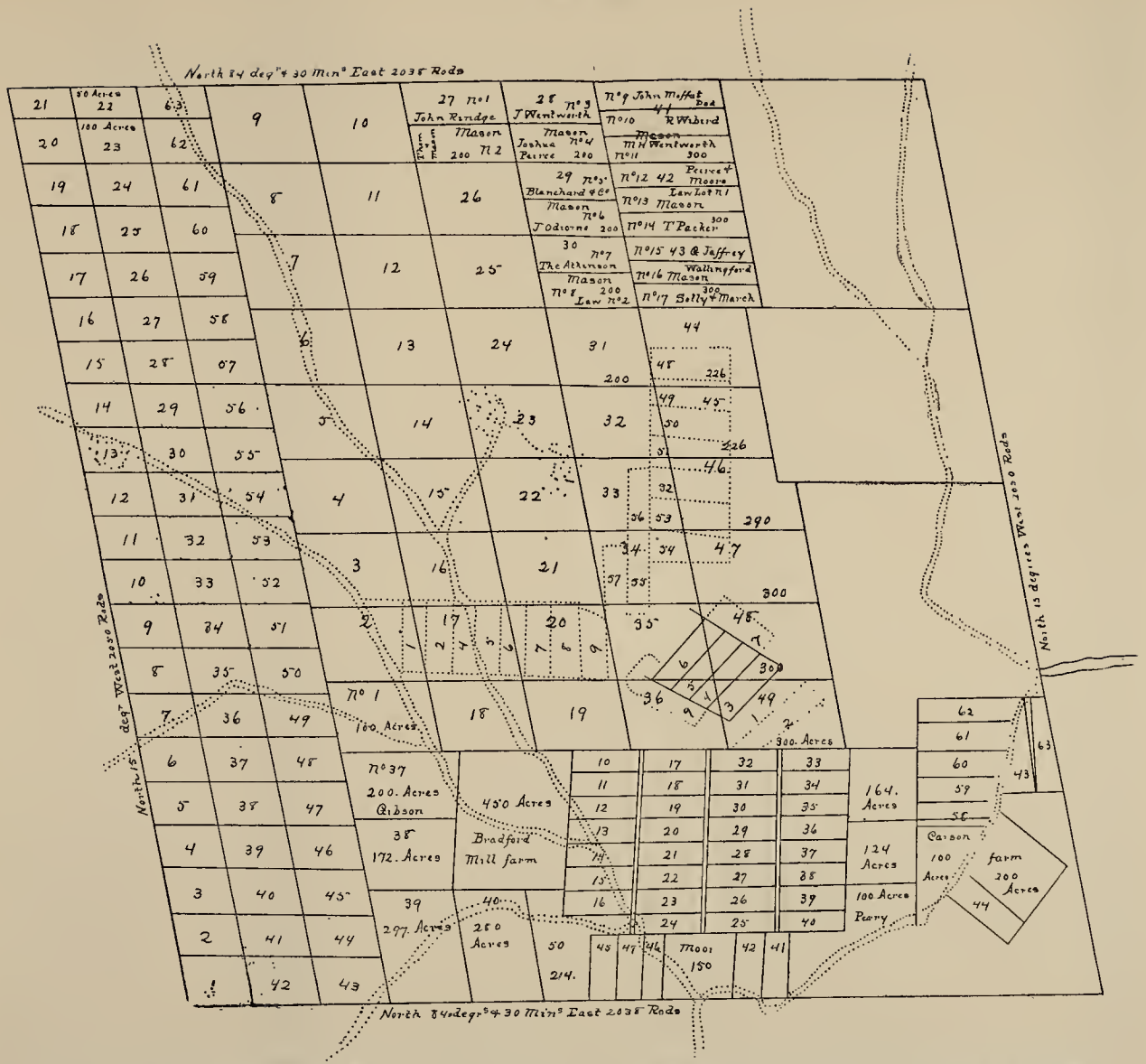
[*John Hill to Proprietors*, 1765.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 57.]

Boston May 22. 1765

S^r^ I here Inclose a plan of Peterborough and a plan of Hillborough the Reservations of the Grant of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr are marked and discribed on

[*Plan of Hillsborough*, 1765.]



This is a Plat of Hillsborough Town and the Lots N° 27–28–29–30 Contain Each 200. Acres & the Lots N° 41–42–43 Contain Each 300 Acres Each Lot Marked Mason & thay Contain in the Whol 1700 Acres thay are lade out in the Most Conveniant plase for promoteing the Setlement in Said Town of Hillsborough Conformable to there Quit Clame to John Hill

this plat is presented to the propritors of Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq by there Humble Ser^t

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Each plan—which pleas to present to Said proprietors with my Complements and dutifull Regards to them—and Youl Very Much oblige Your Most Humble Ser[t]

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P S please to Acquaint me with the Receipt of the Same
To George Jaffrey Esq[r]

[*John Goffe to Theodore Atkinson*, 1766.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 58.]

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Rods and in deed it never Gits across the Rver till it Gits to the beach tree markt in the plan & that is Close to the River And an other Instance where N° 2 comes to the River it Should be ½ mile when upon Just measure it is no more than 60 Rods & so N° 3 & N° 4 upon the South Side and the Gover^rs North Line from the Cornor to the River is 104 Rods when according to the plan it is but very littel longer then the south line of S^d lot N° 4, & so N° 3 the west End of that Lot by measure upon the plan is 140 Rods when upon a Exact measure by the Chain it is no more then 100 R and Every line but one that we tryed did not Com Near the plan so that it is very false and the old marks are Groon up that in allitel time more, they will not be Seen at all if not New marked but I did mark with my own hand the lines we Ran well, upon the old Spoted Trees where the marks were not Quit Grown out for some were hardly decernable & I understand our serveying & marking the lines of the Lots has put the traspassers into Great Concearn & I bleave that if Do^ct Perry or his Son was prosecuted by the Gove^nr for he has fenced all his Lot in on the west Side of the River & George otterson by Meservy & Col^l Blanchards heirs for Clearing upon their Lot on west side of the River & william Smith by George Jeffery Esqr for his Traspass upon N° 6 & building a Camp on S^d Lot the matter would soon be over for the Rest would not Stir, However when we went to the place their was not a man their on the spot alth° we found Tools in their Camps such as hows &c : and as m^r Daniel Peirce Desiered me I went after one John Quigley which he told me was an honest fellow & he could tell me every thing about the traspassers but when he Came upon the Spot he Either did not Cair to tell or at least Did not tell who were Traspassers upon perticular lots after we shewed him the lines and I find by the people their about that Mr Qugley has had a grate hand in Incoriging them folks for he went & Shewed them the best Interval and they Gave him a considerable sum of mony for so doing & he makes his brags that he gits mony from the Lords for telling them fair Storys and that he has had the offer or has a Justices post and is commonly call^d Esqr quigley among the people in that Neighbourwhood and I perceive as he dont love work very well he would be willing to Git mony that way and because one Archabald Tagert has Informed me from time to time of the Traspassers and I have Engaged him to take an other man as Evedences to Know the names of the Individals that worke upon the perticular Lots as he went with me & knows the owner names of all the Lots Taspassed upon and to make Repot to me which m^r Quigley is very much afronted at and Says as I'm Informed that he nor I have no busness to do any thing about it, and has Sued him S^d Tagert as a Traspasser to this Cort which is as Grate an Ingury as

Could be Don to a Stedy man in the propriotors cause for as to the meadow he mowed he Came to me Last may and told of the traspacers & Gave me their names In writing and Desiered me to Git a leace of the meadow I told him if he would be faithfull & find out the Traspassers & whose lots they were upon I would git Liberty for him to Cut 4 or 5 load their and as soon as the owner of the lot Could be found out on whose the meadow was I did not Scruple but they would Give him a leace for a yeare or two Especaly as m^r^ Bradford & he had cleared the Road so far as 4 or 5 miles in their land to the meadow which Road was a Grate benefit to the Lords and a Good Road it is I can Ride a Gallop Thro' wibirds Col Atkinsons Ringes & m^r^ Packer to the 11 Lot which is a Grat benifit as the woods is very Thick to go & vew them lots now Sir as Qugley has Got a leace of that meadow as he Soposes th^o^ I bleave it is n° 11 & Design to Hurt Tagert and perswad you that he is a Traspasser and make him oidous in your Eyes, which I declair he ought to be vailed for his faithfullness neither would he have mowed that meado without I tho^t^ he might be Safe and upon the other hand Quigley ought Not to be Contenance for Two thing (viz) for that the Traspassers Every time they go to work their they Call & see him then Surly he could have taken Evedence and followed them to where they wrote and Could have told Us when upon the Spot who Traspassed upon this or that Lot but did not

And Secondly that he Tho^t^ to & did offer the meadow at an unreasonable price pr load which I perswaided my selfe You Gentelmen never designd by Granting him a leace Now Sir I must beg that Archabald may not be Hurt but that that matter may be Settled without Going to Cort as it will Hurt a new Settler to be forced to pay charges and you lose a Stench frind to the Cause Sir I melted my Selfe & worred so to marke the Lines new and lay out In the Rain that I Shall not be able to do down this Cort if ever any more my Harty Regards to you & your famely, & to all your propriotors & am while able your Honnours Humble & Devoted Servant

Derryfeild Aug^st^ 30th 1766 John Goffe

The Honor^ble^ Theodore Atkinson Esqr

[*Reserved Lots*, 1779.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Feb. 22, 1779.]

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth February 22^d^ 1779 Monday ten of the Clock before noon at the House of m^r^ John Penhallow improved by him as a Store, the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas John Hill Esqr hath returned to Said Proprietors a Plan of Hillsborough with the reserved Seventeen hundred acres to said Proprietors, laid out into four two hundred Acre Lotts, numbered on Said Plan N° 27, N° 28–N° 29–N° 30, and three three hundred Acre Lotts numbered 41, 42, 43, which Said Lotts are presumed to contain the number of Acres in each Lott as expressed in Said Plan—therefore Voted that each of the Said two hundred Acre Lotts be divided into two equal parts and numbered on the Said Plan from 1 to 8, and that the Said three three hundred Acre Lotts be divided into three equal parts on the Plan and be numbered from 9 to 17, and that a draft of all of the Said lotts be now drawn to the Rights of each of the fifteen Proprietors Shares and the law Lotts N° 1 & N° 2 and being drawn to said Rights and entered on Record shall be a Severance of the Same to Said Proprietors &^{c}

The Draft of the Said Lotts were drawn as follow's Viz^{t}

1st	To John Rindge	N° 1, in N° 27
2^{d}	Theodore Atkinson Esqr	N° 7, in N° 30
3^{d}	Thomlinson & Mason	N° 2, in N° 27
4th	Mark H^{g} Wentworth Esqr	N° 11, in N° 41
5th	Law lott N° 2	N° 8, in N° 30
6th	Solly & March	N° 17, in N° 43
7th	Geo: Jaffrey	N° 15, in N° 43
8	Thos Packer Esqr	N° 14, in N° 42
9	Peirce & Moore	N° 12, in N° 42
10	Blanchard Meserve & Co	N° 5, in N° 29
11	Jotham Odiorne Esqr	N° 6, in N° 29
12	Richd Wibird Esqr	N° 10, in N° 41
13	Josh^{a} Peirce Esqr	N° 4, in N° 28
14	Thos Walingford Esqr	N° 16, in N° 43
15	Law lott N° 1	N° 13, in N° 42
16	Jno Wentworth Esqr	N° 3, in N° 28
17	John Moffatt Esqr	N° 9, in N° 41

HOOKSETT.

[This locality was formerly known as *Isle au Hooksett* and *Isle au Hooksett Falls*. The town was made up from parts of Goffstown, Dunbarton, and Chester, and incorporated July 2, 1822. A small portion of Hooksett was annexed to Allenstown Jan. 5, 1853.

See papers under titles of above named towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 252; Index to Laws, 246; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 391; sketch by Samuel Head, 2d, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 361.]

[*Richard Ayer, about Logs at Hooksett*, 1752.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 60.]

Chester Jeneuary 25–1752

Sir whereas there was sum Loggs cut upon the westerly side of the great revver above Ile hokset falls to the sotherly of bow line and I was under Sum oblygation to you not to remove or hall said loggs without Letting you know of It I once writ to you to acquaint you when I wold draw sum of said Loggs but I under stand that faild so that you had no notice of it I now tell you that I have Halld sum of said loggs and the remainder of said loggs I do not know when they will be Haled or whether they will Ever be Halled or not and If you want proof of what Have been halld as that Seems to fullfill what you requested by my obligation you may prove it by mr John Cofrin and mr Joseph broun of Suncook

Richard Ayer

to mr Alexdr Macmurfy

HOPKINTON.

[This town was *Number* 5 in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1735-6. Some of the grantees being from Hopkinton, Mass., the town was called *New Hopkinton*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Nov. 30, 1750, to Henry Mellen and others. Incorporated as Hopkinton Jan. 11, 1765, and named from Hopkinton, Mass. A portion of Bow was annexed Dec. 13, 1763, to settle a dispute between the two towns, and Hopkinton was granted town privileges. The town was annexed to Merrimack County from Hillsborough on the incorporation of the former in 1823.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 404; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 255; Index to Laws, 247, 402; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 391; Life and Times in Hopkinton, by C. C. Lord, 1890, pp. 583; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 368; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 8, 12; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 391; Memorial of Carlton Chase, 1870; An Ancient Necropolis, by C. C. Lord, 7, Granite Monthly, 25; Churches in, by same, 2, *id.*, 22; Education in, by same, 1, *id.*, 337; Industries in, by same, 2, *id.*, 121; Items and Incidents in, by same, 2, *id.*, 304, 358; Manners and Customs in, by same, 2, *id.*, 186, 217, 251, 278; Millitary Affairs in, by same, 2, *id.*, 154; Politics in, by same, 2, *id.*, 43; Travelling Accommodations in, by same, 2, *id.*, 71; Extracts from Records, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 171.]

[*Petition for Lands in Hopkinton*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 61.]

Province of
New Hampshire } Portsmouth Novr 9th 1748.

To the Purchasers & Proprietors of Capt Jno Tufton Mason's Right in Lands in Said Province—

Whereas ye Persons Named on ye Other Side have Improved Lands in a Township Called Hopkinton or N° 5 Lying upon ye West part of Rumford, in Whose behalf I request ye favour of ye Proprietors when that tract of Land is granted by You that You would Suffer ye within Named to be Grantees in Manner & upon Such Terms as You Shall see Meet

Samuel Rolf	Timothy Nolton	Ephraim Nolton
David Woodell	Joseph mellen	Peter How
John Annis	Caleb Burbank	John merrill
Philip Eastman	Samson Colbe	Jeremiah Eastman
Joseph Eastman	Nathaniel Eastman	Isaac Chandler
Nathaniel Chandler Deceased		Joseph ordway
Joseph Eastman 3^{d}	Jonathan Straw	Richard Potter
Matthew Stanly	Joseph Easman	Jabes Potter
Jacob Potter	Aaron Kimbill	John Burbank
Samuel Easman	Nathan Lovejoy	John Rus Discd
James osgood Anmestar		Benjaman Woodell
Petor How Juner	Paul Nolton Deceased	
	Nathanael West	

[*Petition of Henry Mellen*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 64.]

Province of } Portsmouth Decr 28th 1748
New Hampsh^{r} } To the Honb^{l} Theodore Atkinson Esqur and others Purchasers of ye Lands within ye Province of New Hampsh^{r} bo't of John Tufton Mason Esqu^{r}—

I the Subscriber Henry Mellins of Hopkinton in ye Province of ye Mass^{a} Bay Shew's That the Major part of ye Claimers of a Tract of Land called New Hopkington or N° 5 in ye line of Towns granted by ye Mass^{a} which lyes in ye Prov^{e} of New Hampshire—have Requested of me to come to Portsmouth to enquire into the Right & Title of ye Purchasers of Mason's Right aforesaid & to apply my Selfe in their behalf to ye best means of procuring or preserving their Interests in

ye Said Tract called N° 5—Pursuant to Said Request I do for myselfe as a claimer in Said N° 5 and in behalf of ye Claimers aforesaid, as Apprehending your Right & Title in Mason's Right aforesaid to be good do humbly Request of you Proprietors, that you would Secure to us our claims in Said N° 5 upon Such Terms and Conditions as you shall think proper and shall be tho't best for your Selves and your Petitioners in whose behalfe I am Gent^m^

Your most Hum: Servt

Henry mellen

[*Petition of Timothy Clements*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 62.]

To the Honb^le^ The Purchasers & Proprietors of the Lands in the Province of New Hampshire purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r^—

The Memorial of Timothy Clements of Haverhill District in said Province in his own Behalfe and others Settlers and Improvers of y^t^ Tract of Land commonly known by New Hopkinton or N° 5 —Humbly Shew's

That whereas Henry Mellen of Hopkinton in ye Prov: of ye Mass^a^ Bay Appeared before the Honb^le^ Proprietors and Obtain'd a Vote in favour of ye Settlers and Improvers of S^d^ New Hopkington but hath neglected to lay before ye Proprietors a List of those who have Settled and Improved there and being Apprehensive that you will not wait a much longer time for m^r^ Mellin's further Application before you will dispose of said Tract of Land and have Reason to think from his Selling all his Interest there particularly eight Score Acres for nine hundred Pounds old Tenor—that he will not offer anything further to you in their Behalf—

I therefore Request that you would be so favourable that you would not dispose of Said Tract of land called New Hopkington before I have an Opp° of laying before your Honb^le^ Propriety the Names of the Persons who have made any Settlement and Improvement upon Said New Hopkinton with an Attested State thereof and when so done pray you would make a grant to Such Persons So much of said New Hopkinton, and upon such Terms as shall be best for Settling said Land, And you'l ever oblige ye Said Petitioners in whose behalfe I am

your Humble Servt

Province of New Hampshire } Portsm° Novr 30th 1749

Timothy Clements

[*List of Inhabitants of Hopkinton*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 66.]

The List of the In Habatants And the Improvers of No 5 in The Line of Towns as it was under the formour Grants of the Maressechusetts bay adjoyning To Rumford or penny Cook So Called —Namely—

Timothy Clements	James Clements	Willliam Clements
Jerimiah Eastman	Ebenezer Eastman	William Peters
moses merill	Insg^{n} Joseph Eastman	aron Cimball
aron Cimball Juner	Joseph ardeway	Joseph ardeway Junr
Joseph Chandlr	Leu^{t} Isaac Chandler	Isaac Chandler Junr
Edward ardeway	Danel annes	Jabes Potter
Jacob Potter	Samuel Putteney	John puttney
Thomas Easteman	Stephen Hoyt	James Grout
Thomas merill	John merill	Enoch Eastman
John Burbank	Caleb Burbank	Jonathan Burbank
David woodwell	David woodwell Juner	Samull Eastman
Joseph Eastman	Joseph Eastman Juner	alis ye 3^{d}
Samson Colbey	Stephen Colbey	Marthey Standley
Joseph Standley	Abraham Colbey	Timothy Burbank
Nathaniel Chandler Deceased		John Eastman

[*List and Petition of Grantees of Hopkinton.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 63.]

Gen^{t} Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr These are the names of the Seventy that you made a grant to of a place called N° 5 or New Hopkinton

Joseph Eastman juner	Ezra Carter	Jacob Potter
Enoch Easman	Thomas Easman	Abraham Colbe
Samson Colbe	Lot Colbe	Aaron Stevens
Samuel Easman	Joseph Easman 3^{d}	Joseph Easman
Stephen Hoyt	Thomas Merrill	Matthew Stanly
John Putney	Ebenezer Eastman	Jeremiah Eastman
Samuel Putnam Administrator upon the Right of philip pratt Dec^{d}		
Thomas Walker	John Nutt	Mark Whitney
Joseph Haven	James Lock	Joseph Haven
James Whitney	Joseph Haven jun^{r}	Isaac Whitney

Eben^{r} Goddard	Edward Goddard Esq	Benjamin Goddard
Joseph Haven 3	Benjamin Goddard Juner	Solomon Park
Isaac Gibbs	Jedidiah Haven	Nathaniel Gibbs
Eben^{er} Kimbell	Elezer hayward	David Woodwell
Peter How juner	nathanel abbet	Peter How
Thomas Bixby	Thomas mellen	John Burbank
John Mellen	Daniel mellen	John Jones Esqr two Rights
Joseph Mellen	Simson Jones	Henry Mellen two lotts
	John Jones Jonur	Timothy Townsend
	Jabez Potter	

Province of New Hamp^{r} } To the Proprietors of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esqr to the Lands in Said Province Com'only called Mason's—

Gentlemen I am Authorized by the Persons within Named to Apply to You for a Grant of Your Right to that Tract of Land Commonly calld N° 5 or New Hopkinton on Such Terms and Limitations as you shall be Pleased to Grant—and I do hereby in behalf of my Self & my said Constituents Pray that you would accordingly Grant the Same on as Easy Terms as You Possibly can or Shall See good—

I would also Move for Liberty to add the Names of Eleven more Such Persons as I or Some other in my & their behalf shall Return to you hereafter of Such as were Original Proprietors

Henry mellen

[*Petition for Charter of Hopkinton*, 1750.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 65.]

To the honorable Gentlemen Proprietors of ye royal Patent Originally made to——*Mason* Esq.

We the Subscribers formerly Proprietors of ye Township N° 5 in ye line of Towns Humbly Petition your *honours* for a new grant of ye Same, & y^{t} ye Charter may be given to *Henry Mellen* our Agent in this Affair, & y^{t} he may have power to Admit, as our Associates, as many of ye Original Proprietors as will *Subject y^{m}selves*, & pay ye Charges, & upon ye refusal of any to Admit others in their room Said Mellen Signing y^{e} *Counterpart* on our behalf.

And we your Petitioners further pray for ye liberty of three Years to lay out & Settle S^{d} Township after ye present Difficulty with ye Indians is over & we can proced with Safty

Yours to Serve

Hopkinton Novr 8th 1750 on ye back Side

Benjamin Godard	Ebenezar Godard	Thomas mellen
Joseph Eastman	Joseph mellen	Ezra Carter
Daniel mellen	John Mellen	Solomon Park
David Woodwell	Jedediah haven	Thomas Walker
Thomas Bixby	Tim° Townsend	Peter How
Peter How Juner	John Nutt	Joseph Haven
Moses Haven	Ebenezer kimball	Joseph Haven jun^{r}
Joseph Haven the third	John Haven	Samuel Haven
Henry mellen	Mark Whitney	thomas Merrill
James Whitney	John Jons Junr	Gidden Whitney
		James Lock

[*Charter of Hopkinton*, 1750.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records Nov. 30, 1750.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth November ye 30th 1750 Fryday Six of the Clock afternoon at the House of Ann Slayton the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted that there be and hereby is granted in Equal Shares in fee Simple unto Henry Mellens yeoman Thomas Walker Cooper and Thomas Mellens Cordwainer all of Hopkinton in the County of Middlesex in the Province of the Massachusets Bay and unto Such others as they shall admit their associates so as to make up the Number Seventy in the whole (Preferrence being first given and offer made unto the original Claimers in virtue of the Grant made by the Massachusets Government or such as hold under Such Claimers to be admitted associates if they will) upon the Reservations Conditions Limitations and Provisoes here after mentioned, all the Right Title Interest Claim Property Challenge or demand whatsoever of the Said Proprietors the Grantors of in and unto all that Tract of land in New Hampshire Situate on the westerly Side of Merrimack River, Called and known by the name of Number Five in the Line of Towns so called as well as by the Name of New Hopkinton according to the Bounds thereof heretofore run and made in pursuance of the said Governments Grant Reserving unto the Said Proprietors the Grantors the one fifth part thereof, the Same to lie and be Set off from the Other four fifths on the westerly part of Said Tract of land and to extend across the Same from the Northerly to the southerly Boundary line thereof. The said reserved one fifth part to be exempted & exonerated from all Taxes and Charges untill the Same shall be improved by the Said Grantors or Such as shall hold the Same under them

That there be one whole share reserved within the other four fifths in some Convenient place for the first Setled minister there in fee Simple; provided he shall continue minister there during his life or untill regularly dismisd—

That there be one whole share reserved within the said four fifths for the use of the ministry there for ever—

That there be one whole share reserved within said four fifths for the use of a school there for ever—

That there be reserved at the Place where the old Saw Mill stood, within said Tract of land, Thirty acres of land (with so much of the Stream there as is necessary) for a saw mill Privilege to be laid out as commodious as may be; and that the Grantees and their associates build a Saw Mill at said Place within two years from this time at their own Cost and Charge

That within Three years there be thirty familys there, each of them having a house there at least sixteen foot Square with a Cellar under it, and five acres of land Cleared and fitted for mowing or Tillage

That Within Seven years there be Sixty familys there each of them having a house and Cellar as aforementioned and five acres of land Cleared & fitted as aforesaid—

That within Three years a meeting house be built there and Constant preaching therein at the Cost and Charge of the Grantees and their associates—

That within Seven years a minister be setled there at the Cost and Charge of the Grantees and their associates—

That all white Pine Trees that are or shall be growing on said Tract of land fit for his majestys use shall be and hereby are reserved & granted to his majesty his Heirs and successors—

That a Plan of the said Tract of land, having the Reserved fifth part thereof afores^{d} delineated described and marked out, thereon be sent by the Grantees to the Grantors, within the space of Forty days from this time and also an Instrumemt in writing signed by the s^{d} Grantees, therein obliging themselves and their associates to fullfill and comply with the Conditions herein mentioned relating to the settlement of the said Tract of land Said Instrument to be prepared by the Grantors, and that this Grant shall be of no force or effect to the Grantees untill such Instrument shall be sent signed as aforesaid—

That in Case any of the Grantees or their associates their Heirs or assigns respectively shall neglect to do and perform what is herein required by them to be done and performed, it shall be lawfull to and for the Grantors their Heirs and assigns to enter into and upon such Delinquents share or Right and to dispose of the same as they shall see meet and proper as thô this grant had not been made

That in Case of an Indian war before the Limitation of time is expired, for the doing and performing the Respective matters and things herein mentioned to be done and performed, then the like number of years to be allowed for the doing & performing thereof after the End of such Indian War——

And whereas the said Proprietors have already released all their Right in the Township of Bow (as they claim under the Said John Tufton Mason) unto the Proprietors of Bow and it being Suggested That Bow may take off some part of the Tract of land calld Number Five alias New Hopkinton afores^{d} That the said Grantors will make up to the said Grantees and their associates out of some other of the Grantors ungranted lands what shall be taken by Bow from the said Tract of land call'd Number Five alias New Hopkinton upon a Just and true admeasurement and running the Lines of the said Bow according to the Grant thereof

And in Case any action or suit shall be brought against the said Grantees, their associates or their assigns or any that shall or may hold under them or any of them for s^{d} Tract of land or any part thereof they shall be and hereby are oblig'd to vouch in the s^{d} Grantors their Heirs or assigns to defend the same and the said Grantors hereby promise and engage that they their Heirs or assigns shall and will at their own Cost and Charge defend one action or suit upon one Title and pursue the same to final Judgment thrô the whole Course of the law (if there shall be occasion) and in Case the final Judgment in such Trial shall be against the s^{d} Grantors, the Grantees or owners shall recover nothing over in Satisfaction of and from the Grantors their Heirs Executors administrators or assigns—

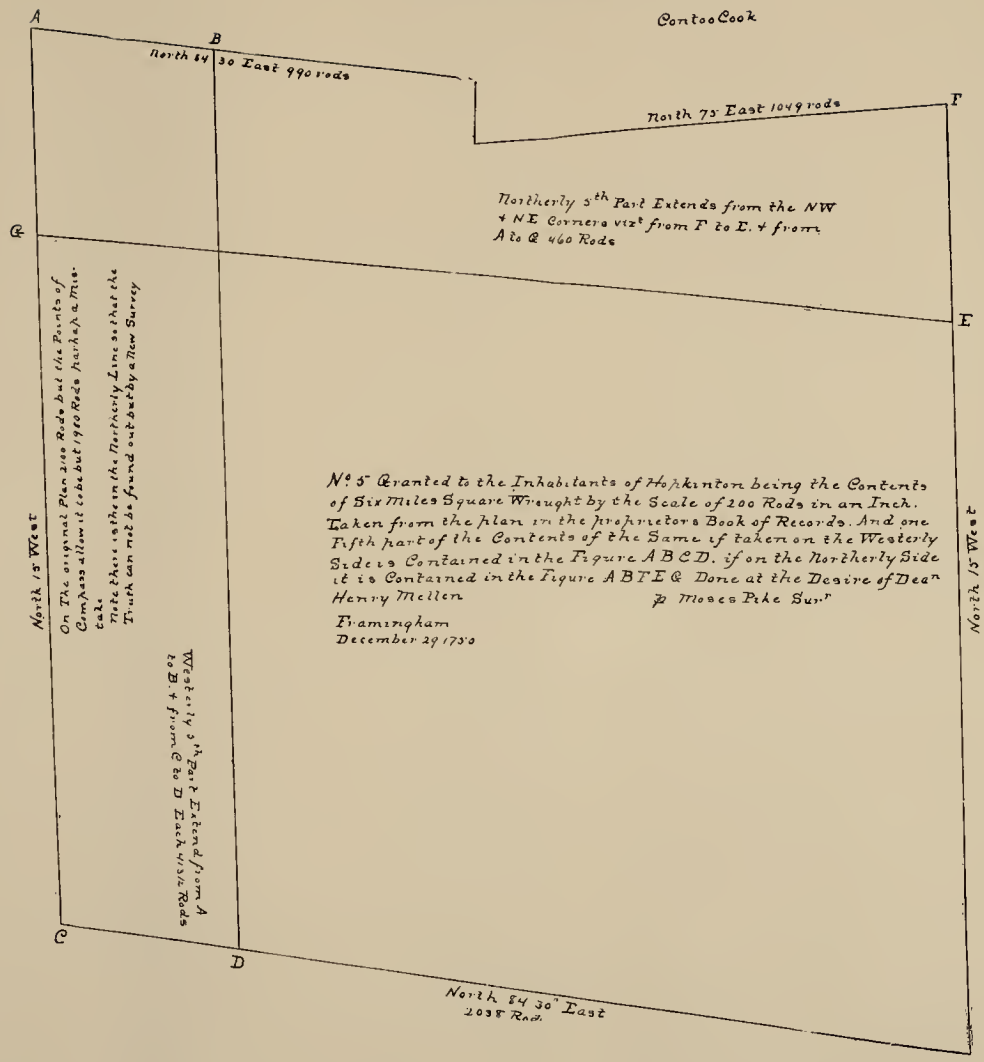
[*Acceptance of Grant of Hopkinton*, 1750.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 67.]

Province of
New Hampshire } ———

Whereas on the thirtyeth day of November 1750 There was a Grant made by the Proprietors of the lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr lying and being in said Province of all their Right in and to a tract of land on the westerly side of Merrimack River, Calld and known by the name of Number five in the line of Towns so called as well as by the name of New Hopkinton with Such Conditions Limitations Reservations and Provisoes as are therein mentiond, (Referrence being had unto Said Grant May fully appear) unto Henry Mellens yeoman Thomas Walker Cooper and Thomas Mellens Cord-

[*Plan of Hopkinton*, 1750.]



wainer all of Hopkinton in the County of Middlesex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay and such others as they shall admit their associates so as to make up the number Seventy in the whole. Now it is hereby Covenanted and agreed upon by and between the s^{d} Henry Mellens Thomas Walker and Thomas Mellens for themselves and such as they shall admit as their associates & their Respective Heirs and assigns and the said Proprietors the Grantors their Heirs and assigns That they the s^{d} Grantees do hold and claim the s^{d} granted Premises in the Right of the said Grantors and by Virtue of the Grant afores^{d} And that they the s^{d} Grantees and such as they shall admit their associates their Heirs and Assigns respectively shall and will Comply with do perform fullfill and accomplish every matter, & thing (as Mentiond in s^{d} Grant) by them Respectively to be complyd with done performed fullfilld and accomplished in order to the Setling the said Tract of land and bringing forward a Setled Town there agreeable to the Conditions in said Grant mentioned and that in Case of failure thereof the Right or share of such delinquent & failing Person or Persons respectively in said Tract of land by virtue of the Said Grant shall revert unto the Proprietors the Grantors their Heirs and Assigns and that in such Case it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Grantors their Heirs and assigns to enter into and upon the Right or share of Such Delinquent and failing Person or Persons and take possession thereof & Dispose of the same as they shall see Cause, and it is further agreed upon and to be understood—that the failure of one or More Persons shall not Injure or Prejudice those Persons who shall fullfill and do their part of the Conditions afores^{d}—In Testimony whereof the s^{d} Henry Mellens Thomas Walker and Thomas Mellens have hereunto set their hands and Seals the tweentieth day of December Anno Domini 1750——

Mem^{o} The words *of all their Right in and to a Tract land* Interlind before Signing &c——

Signed Seald and Deliverd in presence of us
John Death
John Death Junr

Henry mellen [Seal]
Thomas Walker [Seal]
Thomas mellen [Seal]

Middlesex ss Sherbourn December ye 24th 1750 the Above Named Henry Millen and Thomas Walker and Thomas Millen all Personally Appeared and Acknowledged this Instrument to be their free act and Deed Before me

John Death Justice of Peace

[*Form of Agreement and Notice of Meeting to Admit Settlers to Hopkinton*, 1750.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 68.]

Whereas the Proprietors of the Land purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr in the Province of New Hampshire, have granted in Equal Shares unto Henry Mellen Thomas Walker and Thomas Mellen, All of Hopkinton in the Massachusetts Province, And to Such others as they Shall Admit their Associates (under the Conditions & Reservations expressed in the Said Grant) All their Right Title Interest whatsoever, in and to All that Tract of Land in New Hampshire afores^{d} Called or known by the name of Number five in the Line of Towns, So called, as well as by the name of New Hopkinton, As in and by the Grant of the s^{d} Proprietors, or the Record thereof, may more fully Appear, Pursuant therefore, to the power and Authority therein or thereby Granted to us, We the Said Henry Mellen, Thomas Walker & Thomas Mellen, having Appointed A Meeting at the House of Mr Osgood, Innholder in Rumford I New Hampshire on the 13th 14th & 15th days of May Anno Domini 1751, in Order to the Admission of Setlers, as our Associates As also to Agree on the Method for the calling & Notifying of Propriety Meetings for the future. And having given publick Notice thereof to all the Original Claimers, in Virtue of the Grant made by the Massachusetts Government, and Such as hold under them, of the time & Occasion of S^{d} Meeting. And the s^{d} Meeting being now Opened at the time and place afores^{d} The persons herein after named, Were (pursuant to the power & Authority to us given as afores^{d}) admited Associates, According to the Tenor of the Grant to us made as afores^{d} And the Several Lots were Assigned and Set forth, to each of them respectively, which together with the Rights of after Draughts or Divisions of Land are to be holden by them & Each of them respectively, & are Accordingly Entered in the Book of Records for s^{d} Township. Viz^{t}

To A. B. the Lot, Number One in the Range of Lots &c
To B. C. the Lot Number Two in the &c

Provided always that in case any one or more of the Associates abovenamed Shall by refusing or Neglecting to Settle his or their Lot or Lots within the Space of Three Years next after the date of the Original Grant of these proprietors afores^{d} being expressly required by the s^{d} Henry Mellen Thomas Walker & Thomas Mellen or the Survivour or Survivours of them that then the Grant & Admission

Allowed to Such Delinquent or Delinquents Shall be Utterly Void, as if the Same had never been H M T W T M

We who hereunto Subscribe being Admitted by the Gentlemen Impowred by the Proprietors of the Land purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr in the Province of New Hampshire Associates together with them in A Tract of Land in New Hampshire afores^{d} called Or known by the name of Number five in the Line of Towns as well as by the name of New-Hopkintown, Do hereby each one for himself Severally, Covenant promise Grant & Agree to and with the Said Gentlemen, namely Henry Mellen Thomas Walker & Thomas Mellen, or the Survivour or Survivours of them, well and truly, for Our respective parts thereof to do perform And fulfil All and whatsoever is Needful or Requisite to Enable them fully to comply with All and Singular the Conditions of the Grant made to them & their Associates, by the Original Proprietors of s^{d} Lands, And We further Covenant promise Grant & Agree, for our Several parts thereof, well & truly to pay each one his respective part & proportion of all Such Sum & Sums of Money as Shall be voted and Agreed upon by the Major part of ye Associates, at any Meeting or Meetings, duly warned or Notified, to pay & Satisfie the Charge of public Worship & other necessary Charges Arising for & towards the Setling & bringing forward of a New Township on the Lands afores^{d} during the Interim & until a Township be Legally Incorporated. And To the true and faithful Observance And Performance of all & Singular the s^{d} Covenants each of the s^{d} partys for his Several & Particular part thereof, doth bind & Oblige himself, his heirs Execut^{rs} Administ^{rs} Unto the Said Henry Mellen Thomas Walker And Thomas Mellen heirs Execut^{rs} Admin^{rs} or Assigns in the Penal Sum of Pounds in Curr^{t} Money or good & Lawful Bills of Credit on the Said province of New Hampshire firmly by these presents, to be paid by each of the Subscribers that Shall make default in the premises, & to be Imployed to & for the benefit and behoof of the Associated setlers on the Lands afores^{d}

Provided nevertheless and tis to be understood anithing above writen notwithstanding that in Case Thirty Lots be Settleled Within three years agreeable to the original Grant and Such of the Propriators as have ye Privilidge of Seven years for Setteling do well and truly pay to ye s^{d} Henry mellen Thomas Walker Thomas mellen or any of them to and for ye use of Such as Settle and Dwell on thare Respective lots within the first three years part and part alike ye Sum

of ten pounds in bills of Creddit of the old tenor or Lawfull money of Equivilent value at ye End of the S^d^ three years that then ye forfiture of Lots above mentioned Shall not Extend to any of ye Sixty Propretors nor Shall any Such forfiture Extend to any of those ten other Propriotors who formorly Covenanted to pay thirty pounds Each bills of Credit of ye old tenor insted of the Duty of Setling in Case thay Duly pay the S^d^ Sum or Sums or ye value thareof in Lawfull money and in Case of a war all ye Proprietors shall injoy ye Privilidge Exprssed in the origenal Grant

Advertisement March 26, 1751

Pursuant to the Trust and Power deposited in Us the Subscribers, by the Proprietors of Land by them purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr Situate in the Province of New Hampshire, And in Order to the bringing forward a Township on a Tract of Land there, called or known by the name of Number five, as well as by the name of New Hopkinton, These are to give Notice to all Such Persons, who have or claim any Right in Said Tract of Land, in Virtue of a Grant of the Massachusetts Government, or hold Under any of them, That We have Appointed a Meeting at the House of Mr Osgood Innholder in Rumford in New Hampshire on the 13, 14 & 15 days of May next, to Receive Such Claims, And to Admit Setlers therein (Giving Preference to Such Claimers) According to the purport & On the Conditions, expressed in the Grant of the Said Proprietors to us & Our Associates bearing date Novr 30 1750 And allso (When s^d^ Setlers are admitted) Then to Agree upon a Method to Call Meetings for the futer.

Henry mellen H M
T. W
T. M.

[*Protest against Henry Mellen's Terms*, 1752.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 70.]

To the Honble the Propriators of the Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr in the Province of New Hampshire

The Petition of a Number of the Original Claimers To a Township Calld n^o^ five In virtue of a Grant maide by the Masschusetts Goverment or Such as hold under them Humbly Sheweth—

That where as your Hon^rs^ at the request of m^r^ Henry Mellen of Hopkinton was Pleased to make a Grant of a Tract of Land adjoyning On Rumford Known by the Name of Number five To the s^d^ Henry Mellen Thomas Walker & Thomas Mellen and Such as they Should

admit as their Assosciates on Certain Conditions with restrictions and Reservations there to Subjoyned as by the said Grant may fully appear where by your Petitioners beleaive your Hon^{rs} Intended the Speedy Setlement of a Town in that Place to the Advantage of The Goverment as well as your own & the Setlers advantage and benifit now your Petitioners would Humbly Signifie To your Hon^{rs} that the Said Henry Mellen and Others have not observed Your Instructions Contained in Said Grant with respect to Their admitting Setlers but Insist on terms which we Apprehend are very unreasonable and unsafe for us to Comply wth as by their Terms may appear whereby your Petitioners wth most of the Claimers are Prevented being admited as Setlers To their great Dammage & Hindrance in Setleing, and the Setling of the Place greately Retarded,

Wherefore your Petitioners Pray your Hon^{rs} to Take the matter into your wise Consideration & order Somthing for our releaf in this Case according to your Hon^{rs} great Wisdom and Goodness and Send your Pleasure by the Bearrer Mr Haven and your Petitioners as in duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Hopkinton May ye 1th 1752

Rights	3	John Jones	3	Joseph Haven
	2	Peter How	1	Simpson Jones
	1	Thomas Bixby	1	Timothy Townsend
	1	Ebenezer Kimbell	1	Isaac Gibbs
	1	Na^{t} Gibbs	1	Mork Whitney

[*Proprietors to Henry Mellen*, 1752.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 71.]

Portsm^{o} Mar 7th 1752

Mr Henry mellins

Sir/ You may remember that some time since there was a grant made to you and two others by the purchasers of the lands of John Tufton Mason Esqr as Trustees with Certain Reservations Restrictions and Limitations in s^{d} Grant Mentioned of their Right Title and Interest in a certain Tract of Land therein mentiond—and whereas it is near a year and a half since the Grant was made but we can't understand that any setlers are admitted—it is desired by the s^{d} Proprietors that you will without delay proceed to admit Setlers agreeable to ye Terms of the Grant Giving the Preferrence to the claimers under the Massachusets or such as hold under them and in case they

Refuse to be admitted agreeable thereto the proprietors would be glad to know from you the reasons they assign for their Refusall The Delaying the setlement (you must be sensible) is of great disservice to all concernd—In behalf and by order of the Proprietors aforesaid this is subscribed by S^{r} y^{r} most Hum Servt

Geo: Jaffrey

To m^{r} Henry Mellins at Hopkinton
Copy of Letter sent to m^{r} Hen[ry Mellen]

[*Protest of Settlers of Hopkinton*, 1754.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 73.]

To the Honb^{le} the Proprietors of the Lands purchasd by John Tuftan Mason Esqr lying in the Province of New Hampshire:

The Petition of the Settlers of ye Township N° 5 in Said Province humbly Sheweth

That Whereas You, Gentlemen, in your Grant made to Henry Mellen & others, in behalf of Said Settlers, did Reserve one fifth part of s^{d} Township to your selves lying either on ye North or West part thereof at ye Election of ye s^{d} Henry Mellen & his associates And whereas the Said Henry Mellen not having it in his Power to Consult the Rest of ye settlers before he was obliged to make Return to you, Sett off for y^{e} purpose afores^{d} one fifth part of the Township on y^{e} Westerly Side thereof, which, without any Advantage accruing therefrom to your Hon^{rs} proves to be a great Disadvantage to the S^{d} Setlers And Much Obstructs them in their present Infant State by Reason especially that Said $\frac{1}{5}$ Set off as aforesaid, Includes much of those fresh Meadows upon which your Petitioners greatly Depend for y^{e} present Support of their Stock, And without which the Settlement of your Petitioners will be Rendered very Difficult by Reason of y^{e} very great Growths of wood & timber in S^{d} Township Wherefore Your Petitioners humbly pray you to Release to them the Said fifth part laid out on ye west, & to take it on the North Side of said Township, And your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Framingham May 28, 1754:

Joseph Haven { In the Name and at the Desire of ye Setlers aforesaid

[*Henry Mellen to Proprietors*, 1759.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 72.]

Hopkinton Feby 10, 1759.

Gentlemen

By a Letter from the present Inhabitants of the Township N° 5 otherwise called Newhopkinton, I am informed that several principal Men of the Proprietors of Bow Township have been with them several times lately, claiming a very considerable part of s^{d} Township N° 5 on which are several Settlers who have laid out their Substance & made considerable improvement thereon forbiding them to work on s^{d} land, and Threatning them that if nothing is done within the Space of three months to accommodate, & Settle the matter, that they will put them to trouble in the Law—I have therefore at their desire, and at the desire of such other of the proprietors as I have been able to Speak with, given you this Notice of s^{d} difficulty with their Earnest desire that you would use your utmost endeavour to Settle, & Accommodate the Affair; Now can We doubt your kind Offices herein, when you recollect the great difficulties s^{d} Settlers, & proprietors have incounter'd, and Struggled with in obtaining, & Settling s^{d} Township By falling into your Propriety, & Province they have lost One fifth of their first Grant, and during the Course of a long, & dangerous War, they have hazzarded both their lives, and Substance; New Settlers in these low, & unhappy circumstances can't be Suppos'd able to contest Titles in Law. You may remember Gentlemen that when you made Us the Grant this matter was disputed, & mention was made of a difference between the Grant of Bow Township, and the Entry of s^{d} Grant, and I was told that according to an equal Adjustment and Admeasurement of s^{d} Bow Township they Never could infringe upon us, and that I need give my self no Trouble about it. We therefore desire, and doubt not, but that you will see to it That the Boundaries of s^{d} Bow Township be run and fix'd by such Judicious, & impartial Persons and in such an Equitable manner that We may meet with no further Trouble about it. But whereas it is provided in y^{r} Grant to us, that in Case Bow Township should take off any of the lands assign'd to us by your grant that an Equivalent shoud be given us out of your ungranted lands. We therefore desire, that if notwithstanding all indeavours to the Contrary Bow Township should take any of our lands on the Southeast part, That you would grant us an Equivalent out of your Ungranted lands on Our Southwest corner Adjoining, as by its Contiguity it will Accommodate us much better there than any where else, And tho' this will be far from Compensating the Unhappy Sufferers, Yet it will be the best you can do by unimprov'd,

& Uncultivated lands, & no doubt humanity as well as Justice will prompt to that for persons so distress'd—But We can't but Strongly hope that by your interest, & Endeavours the matter may Be Settled without the loss of land, and Pray that you would as soon as may be favour us with your Answer, & direct it to be left at the house of John Jeffries Esqr in Boston—By the direction, and the Desire of the Proprietors—

I am Gentlemen your most humble Servt

Henry Mellen

To Mr Geo: Jaffrey Clerk of the Propriety who purchas'd the Lands of John Tufton Mason Esqr To be Communicated to s^{d} Propriety

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[*Proprietors to Col. Jones*, 1761.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 74.]

Portsm^{o} Feby 6th 1761

Sr Since I See you at Boston I have had Opportunity of Conferring with the Proprietors, Respecting the Controversy between New Hopkinton & Bow Prop^{rs} and in Regard to Epsom's Line being extended ¾ of mile beyond its proper Limits so as to carry the Line of Bow so much farther than was intended I was fully informed that the Line that Bow now claims & holds has been Settled & fix'd between Mason's Proprietors & Bow Proprietors that our Proprietors can't insist upon their altering that Line on any Terms, as it was establish'd by Committees from each Propriety, And I cant find any Method that would conduce to the case and advantage of New Hopkinton Prop^{rs} than some Persons duly qualified to appear in their Behalf speedily to come here & have the Matter accommodated which I doubt not but will be adjusted much more to their advantage, than Suffering the Law Suits to proceed to Trial, which Suits have been continued, till ye first week in march, but whether will be further Continued I cant answer but fear not, So think it will be more for your advantage, for some person from you, to be here before that time, to accomodate the Affair I am in behalf of the Prop^{rs}

y^{r} most hum^{ble} Servt

Geo: Jaffrey

To Coll^{o} Jones at Hopkinton

[*Addition to Hopkinton*, 1761.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, June 11, 1761, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 75.]

Province of New Hampsh^r } Portsmouth June 11th 1761—Thursday five of the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling House of James Stoodly Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—and adjourned to the dwelling house of Hannah Horney Innholder,—At the Dwelling house of Hannah Horney Innholder, The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

The Proprietors on the 30th day of November 1750 having granted the Tract of land called New Hopkington or Number five, by the bounds thereof heretofore run and made, unto Henry Mellens yeoman Thomas Walker Cooper Thomas Mellens Cordwainer, and to Such others as they should admitt as associates, so as to make the Number Seventy in the whole &^c—and reserved unto the Said Proprietors the Grantors, one fifth part of Said Tract of land, the Same to lay and be Sett off from the other four fifths on the Westerly part of Said Tract of land & to extend from the Northerly to the Southerly Side thereof, as marked in a Plan returned by Said Grantees—and it is also provided in Said Grant that So much of Said Tract of land granted as New hopkington or Number five, as the Town of Bow take's off within the Bounds or Limitts of Said Bow—that the Said Grantors, will make up to the Said Grantees and their Associates out of Some other of the Grantors, ungranted Lands—But as Henry Mellens and Thomas Mellens aforesaid and Timothy Clement of New Hopkington, as Agents or a Committee of the Grantees of Said New Hopkington have represented to Said Proprietors at their meeting now holding, that the Proprietors of Bow do claim some part of Land granted as New Hopkington, on which Grantees of New Hopkington were about making improvements, but were molested by the Proprietors of Bow —and it appearing that some part of the Said tract of land heretofore bounded as New Hopkington lay's within the Bounds of the Township of Bow, and at the Special Instance and Request of said Henry Mellens Thomas Mellens and Timothy Clements of Said New Hopkington as a Committee Or Agents for the Grantees of Said New Hopkington—and for favouring the Grantees or Such of them as may more im'ediately be Affected by the line of Bow taking off any Lotts or Improvements of ye Grantees of New Hopkington It is Therefore

Voted That So much of the Tract of Land granted by the Said Proprietors as New Hopkington, as lay's within the Township of Bow, that the Same number of Acres Shall be taken off from the Said one fifth part of Said New Hopkington reserved to the Said Grantors on

the Westerly Side of Said New Hopkington from the easterly Side of ye Said reserved one fifth part, by running a Line parrallel to the Westerly Side line of Said New Hopkington from the Northerly to ye Southerly Side thereof including ye Same number of Acres as shall be taken out of Said New Hopkington, by ye boundary line of Bow coming within ye reputed line of Said New Hopkington—which number of Acres taken out of the Said reserved one fifth part of New Hopkington–by running ye Parrallel line aforesaid–shall be in full Satisfaction to the Grantees of New hopkington and their associates or to such of them whose Lotts may be affected by the Said Bow and is hereby granted to them their Heirs and Assigns for ever——

[*List of Grantees of Hopkinton*, 1762.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 76.]

To The Honerable Lord Proprietors of John Tufton Meason's Esq^rs^ Grant so called in Newhampsheir we Henry Mellen Thomas Walker and Thomas Mellen Agreable to the Charter Given us of a Township in the line of Towns Number 5, Or New Hopkinton so Called Scituate on the westerly side of Merrimeck River in the Province Afore said have Admited The Persons here after Named as our Associates and have Given the Preferance and offer to the Origenal Clamers—

	Rights.		
John Jones Esqr	2	Abner Kimbal Heir^s^	1
Joseph Haven Esqr	1	Timothy Clemmans	1
Rev^r^ Saml Haven	1	John Rust Heir^s^	1
John Haven	1	William Peters	1
Thos Byxby	1	Ebenezar Eastman	1
Peter How	1	Jacob Straw	1
Joseph Haven	1	Samuel Putney	1
Timothy Townsend	1	Joseph Putney	1
Elde^r^ Joseph Haven	1	Jonathan Straw	2
Simpson Jones Esqr	1	Thomas Merril	1
Isaac Pratt	1	Joseph Eastman	1
Jedidiah Haven	1	Jacob Potter	1
Mark Whitney	1	Mathew Stanley	1
Nethaniel Gibbs	1	Abraham Colbe	1
Isaac Gibbs	1	Sampson Colbe	2
John Jones Ju^r^	1	Isaac Chanler Junr	1
Benjamin Godard	1	John Burbank	1
Eleazar Howard	1	Caleb Burbank	1

John and James Nutt	1	Samuel Eastman	1
Daniel Mellen	1	Peter How Junr	2
James Lock	1	Enoch Estman	2
David Woodwell	1	Stephen Hoit	1
Nethaniel Chanlers Heir^{s}	1	Isaac Whitney	1
James Chadwick Heir^{s}	1	Enoch and Ezra Hoit	1
Samuel Osgood	1	Deacon Henry Mellen	3
Daniel and John Annes	2	Thos Walker	1
Aaron Kimbal	1	Thomas Mellen	4
John Chadwick	2	Isaac Chanler	1
Thos Eastman	1	Joseph Eastman Junr	1

Novr 1762

In Testimoney of what is within written we have hereunto Subscribed our Names

Henry Mellen
Thomas Walker
Thos Mellen
Commite

Gerrishs Rights

Jos: Gerrish	1	Sam^{ll} Bailey	1
James Allen	1	Stephen Emery	1
Jos: Gerrish Ju^{r}	1	Henry Kingsberry	1
John Chandler	1	Nicholas Cheney	1
Sam^{ll} Sweet Ju^{r}	1		

Saml Gerrish Junr Yeoman

[*Petition of Stephen Batson*, 1768.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 77.]

Province of New Hampsheir } To the Honble Proprieteres of Masons Patent in said Province—

The Humble Petichion of Stephen Batson of New Castle in the Province aforesaid sheweth—

That your Petitioner was entitled to a Grantors Sheare or Right of land in the town of New Hopkinton in said Province it being a Gift to your Pertitioners Wife by her late Farther Nath^{ll} Meserve Esqr Deceas^{d} or by his last Will and Testament will fully appear—

That your petiioner is informed that since the death of the said Nath^{ll} you have sold or Outherwise dispoed of the said Township of New Hopkinton by which means your petictioner is excluded & entierly deprived of his land in said township therefore he humbly prayes that you would be pleased to take his Case under Considerashion and make him such Compensation in or Otherwise as shall be

adaquate to the damage he has sustained and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

New Castle August 24th 1768 ℔ Stephen Batson—

[*Petition of Enoch Bartlett*, 1784.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 78.]

To Messrs George Jaffrey Esqr And others Grantees To John Tufften Mason Esqr—

Whereas You Many Years Ago Made a Grant and Assignment to James McHard Esqr and Timothy Clements of a tract of lands that by Mistake were Included in the township of Wear for which you proposed to give other lands Equivalent And did afterward Assign to the Said McHard More than 1000 Acres of land in Hopkinton—

I having Many Years Ago Made a purchase of Said Clements Right requested the Said grantees to Choose a Comtee with whom I might treat respecting the Surrender of Said Lands And of An Equivalent—and of the payment of Said Clements Bond—on which Mr Jaffrey And Mr Moffett were Appointed and that Soon after that Appointment Mr Moffet removd to the West Indies—and As I expected his return And by reason of Defficult times I have Never Applyd for a Comtee or a hearing on the affair

I therefore Now request that you will Again in your Next Meeting Choose a Comte with whom I May treat respecting lands and Sd Bond In Case I Shall not attend You in Your Meeting

Septr 20th 1784 Enoch Bartlet

[*Walter Bryent's Report.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 79.]

there is in newhopkinton as planed according to the number of miles there Laid Down 2460 acres of Land more then the Contents of Six miles Square and there is an angle of two Degrees Difference between the Course of Rumford Claims & Sd newhopkinton which makes more then 450 acres ungranted Laying between Said towns

Walter Bryent

[*Minutes of Conditions of Grant of Hopkinton.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 79]

Province of New Hampshier
Number of Grantees and Associates 70

Reservation of one fifth
free from Charge
ministers Share
ministy Share
School Share
Reservation of a Saw mil Privilidge
Thirty Families in three years
Sixty Families in Seven years
a Meeting Hous to be Built in three years
a minister Settled in Seven years
Pine Trees Reserved for his majesty
A Plan of the Land to be Sent—
Delinquent Share to be forfited
In Case of an Indian War further Time to be allowed—
If Bow Takes of any then
To vouch in the Grantors in Case
marginall Contents of the Lord Propriators Grant of New Hopkinton—
the mill to be Built in Two years tho not So fully Sett forth in the margent

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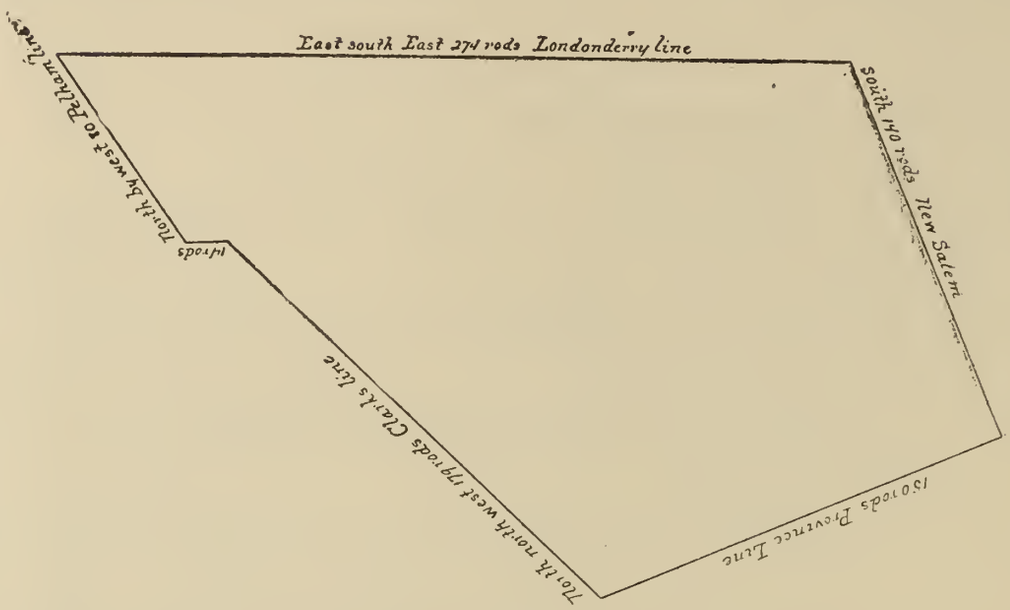
HUDSON.

[This was a part of the Old Dunstable grant, and was afterwards included in the limits of Nottingham. Incorporated as *Nottingham West* July 5, 1746. The name was changed to Hudson July 1, 1830. The southwest part of Londonderry was annexed March 6, 1778. The line with Londonderry was established June 28, 1857, and the line with Windham July 2, 1862.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 193, 416; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 273; Index to Laws, 251, 410; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 457; papers under title Dunstable; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 187; Hudson Soldiers in the War of the Revolution, by Kimball Webster, 1888, pp. 7.]

[*Plan of Land between Londonderry and the Province Line*, 1773.]



The Content of this Plan is two hundred and twenty acres and 131 Rods made by the scale of 30 rods to an inch By
Windham May 17th 1773 James Betton

N: B The above is a plan of a piece of Land Lying Between the line of Londonderry and the Province line Belonging to the Masonian Propoity taken at the Request of Willm Smith

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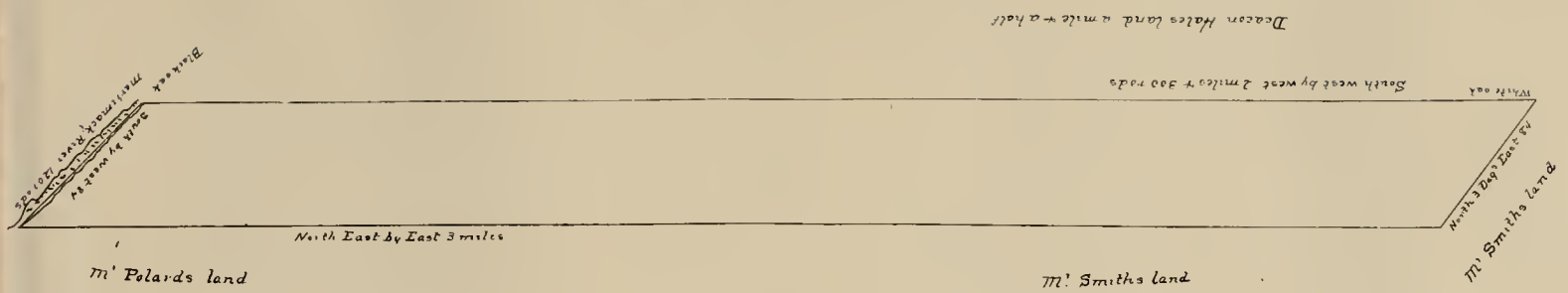
[*Vote of Proprietors about Land in Hudson*, 1774.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 80.]

April 6th 1774 At a Proprietors meeting, upon the Application of Jno Bodwell & Wm Eliot for a tract of vacant land in Notingham West abt 500 Acres—it is resolved that the Said tract of land shall not be disposed of by the Proprietors till the last of may next and if they appear then to have ye preemption if they will give as much another person

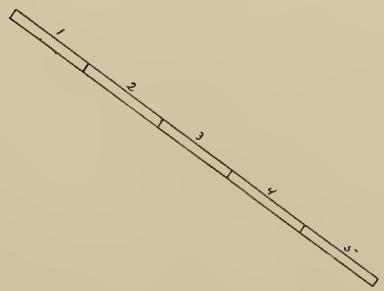
May 31st 1774 Jno Bodwell appeared to make Some offer for ye above and it was mentiond to take a dollar ℔ Acre—and he wos to return an answer in a month from this date and in ye mean time the premises wer not to be disposed of—

[*Plan of Farm in Hudson*, 1775.]



A Plan of a farm in Nottingham-west Joyning to Marrimack River Containing five Hundred Acres and one Quarter in the whole tho there is a Certain Meadow in Said farm Claimed by one Cross that Contains about seven acres Said Meadow and the Roads in this farm may Contain about twenty acres

This Plan was Made by the scale of 60 rods to a Degree by James Betton March 9th 1775 Capt Saml Alison and Saml Dickey } Chain–men



[*Memoranda about Land in Hudson*, 1774.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 80.]

Mem° Mr John Bodwell of (Methuen) in the Province of Massachusetts Bay, Desires the offer of three Tracts of Land in the Township of (Nottingham West) he also Desires they would Consider of the lowest Price they would take for the abovementioned three Tracts of Land, & reserve the same till he comes down again, which will be, by their second Meeting.—

Septem^r 22^d 1774—

Write Mr John Bowdwell and Direct the Letter at Mathewing in the Massachusetts

Memorandum to Consult Mr Pickring Wether their Can be any Alteration in the Grant of Pelham and Write to Mr Josiah Gage Junr of Pelham the Opinion of Mr Pickring—

William Elliot and Will^a Gibson Desire the Offer of Two more Lots of Land in Nottingham West. being Two Lots out of the Above Mentiond Three Lots Requested by John Bodwell

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[*Memorandum of William Gibson's Application*, 1774.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 81.]

Mr Wm Gibson of Dunstable desires Mason's Proprietors to take under Consideration the situation of 200 acres of Land situated in Nottingham West within their Claim, he will give 2 Dollars p^r acre with these Conditions that if he cannot hold said Land, then to refund the Money again

N B he apply'd Decem^r 23^d 1774.

JAFFREY.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Nov. 30, 1749, to Jonathan Hubbard and others, and variously known as *Monadnock No.* 2, *Middle Monadnock*, and *Middletown*. The grant was renewed March 13, 1767. Incorporated as Jaffrey Aug. 17, 1773, and named in honor of George Jaffrey.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 429; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 291; Index to Laws, 262; History, by D. B. Cutter, 1881, pp. 648; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 220; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 204; Historical Address, by Joel Parker, 1873, centennial celebration; Universalism in America, by Richard Eddy, 1886, Vol. 1, p. 171; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 272, 274.]

[*Grant of Jaffrey*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 82, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 92.]

Province of } PURSUANT to the Power and Authority Granted
New Hamps^{r} } and Vested in me by the Proprietors of Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr In the Province of New Hampshire by their Vote Passed at their Meeting held at Portsmouth in Said Province, the 16th day of June 1749 I Do by these Presents on the Terms and limitations Hereafter Express'd give and Grant all the Right Possession and Property of the Proprietors aforesaid unto Jonathan Hubbard Oliver Farwell Thos March Elias Eliot, James Stewart, John Kendell Joseph Blanchard Junr Barnabas Davis Willm Rindge Peter Powers Eleaz^{r} Blanchard—Paul March, Thos Parker Junr Benjn Bellows, Sampson Stoddard, Daniel Emerson, Josiah Brown Stephen March, Benjn Winn, John Scott, Saml Garish, John Hart, John Chamberlin, Joseph Winn Junr Joseph Blodget Junr Saml Cumings, Matthew Thornton, John Butterfield, Willm Garish Nathl Pierce Jonath^{n} Cumings, John Usher, Joseph French, Peleg Lawrence, Isaac Williams, David Adams, David Willson, Randall McDaniel, Robert Fletcher Junr Joseph Emerson—To the Said Joseph Blanchard Junr Three Shares, to the Said James Stewart Two Shares, to Peter Powers Four Shares to Benjn Bellows two Shares to Jonath^{n} Hubbard Three Shares, to Josiah Brown two Shares, The others aforenamed one Share Each, of in or to that Tract of Land or Township Called the Middle Menadnock or N 2—Bounded as followeth beginning at the South West Corner of Petersborough Slip, So Called, from thence, Running North Eighty deg^{s} West Seven Miles to a Hemlock Tree Marked, from thence Running North by the Needle five Miles to a Hemlock Tree Mark'd, from thence Running South Eighty deg^{s} East Seven Miles to a Beach Tree Mark'd, in the West Line of Peterborough, from thence South by the Needle to the first Bounds Mention'd—TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to them their Heirs and Assigns, Excepting as aforesaid, and on the following terms and Conditions (that is to Say) that the whole tract of land be divided into Seventy One Equall Shares, and that Each Share Contain three Lotts Equitably Coupled together, and drawn for at Dunstable—at or before the first day of July Next in Some Equitable Manner—That three of the aforesaid Shares be granted and Appropriated free of all Charge, one for the first Settled Minister in Said Township one for the Support of the Ministry, and one for the School there forever—one lott for Each Said three Shares to be first laid out in the Most Convenient place Near the Middle of Said Town,

and lotts Coupled to them, So as not to be drawn for that Eighteen of the Said Shares, be Reservd for the Grantors of the Premises, their Heirs and Assigns forever, and Aquited from all duty and Charge Untill improved by the Owner or Some Holding [under] them Respectively, that the other Owners of the Said Rights Make Settlements at their Own Expence in the following Manner Viz All the Lotts to be laid out at the Grantees Expence, that all the lotts in Said Township be subjected to have all Necessary Roads lay'd out threw them free from Charge as Hereafter there Shall be Occasion—That within Four Years from the date hereof Forty of the Rights or Shares, belonging to the aforementioned Grantees Viz Oliver Farwell Thomas March, Elias Eliot, John Kendall Barnabas Davis, Paul March, Sampson Stoddard Stephen March John Scott Saml Garish John Hart John Chamberlain Joseph Winn Junr Joseph Blodgett Junr Samuel Cumings Matthew Thornton Willm Garish Nathl Peirce Isaac Williams, David Willson—Rand^{l} McDaniel Robert Fletcher Junr Jonathan Cumings John Usher Joseph French Peleg Lawrence Joseph Emerson—One Settlement Each Josiah Brown two Shares, Benjn Bellows two Shares, James Stewart two Shares, Jonathan Hubbard three Shares Peter Powers two Shares, Daniel Emerson & Thomas Parker one Settlement Each—Be Enter'd upon and three Acres of Land at the Least Cleared inclosed and fited for Mowing or Tillage, and that within the term of Six Months, then Next Coming there be on Each of the Said forty Shares a house Built, the Room Sixteen feet Square at the least, fitted and furnished for Comfortable dwelling therein and Some Persons Resident therein, and Continue Inhabitancy and Residence there for three Years then Next Coming with the Additionall Improvement as aforesaid of two Acres Each Year for Each Setler—That Each of the Said Grantees at the Executing this Instrument pay twenty Pounds Old Ten^{r} to defray the Necessary Charges, Risen and arising in Said Township to be deposited in the hands of Such Persons as the Grantees Shall Chuse being a free holder and Resident in the Province of New Hampshire aforesaid, That a good Convenient Meeting House be Built in Said Township as near the Center of the Town as may be with Convenience —Within Six Years from this date and Ten Acres of Land Reserve'd for Publick Uses—

That the aforesaid Grantees or their Assigns by a Maj^{r} Vote In Publick Meetings, Grant and Assess Such further Sums of Money as they Shall think Necessary for Compleating and Carrying forward, the Settlement aforesaid—And any of the Grantees Exclusive of the three Publick lotts, who shall Neglect for the Space of three Month Next Coming after Such Assesment, Shall be granted And Made to

Pay the Same, So much of Such Delinquents Right Respectively Shall or may be Sold, as will pay the Tax and all Charges arising thereon—by a Committee of the Grantees appointed for that Purpose—That all White Pine trees fit for Masting his Majestys Royall Navey Growing on Said Tract of Land, be and hereby are granted to his Majesty his Heirs and Successors for Ever—And in Case any of the Grantees Shall Neglect, or Refuse to perform any of the Articles aforementioned he Shall forfeit his Share and Right in Said Township And every part and Parcell thereof To those of the Said Grantees that Shall have Complyed with the Conditions on their part herein Express'd, And it Shall and may be lawfull for them or any person by their Authority to Enter into and upon the Right of Such Delinquent Owner and any and every part thereof in the Name of the Whole of the Settlers that Shall fulfill as aforesaid, and him to amove Oust and expell for their Use their Heirs and Assigns, Provided they Settle or Cause to be Settled Each Such Delinquents Right within the term of one Year at the farthest, from the Period that is by this Instrument Stipulated to be done as the Condition of this Grant, and fully discharge and Comply with the whole duty such delinquent ought to have done, within one Year from time to time, after the Respective Periods thereof and in Case the Said Grantees fulfilling on their part as aforesaid, Shall Neglect fulfilling as aforesaid the duty of any Delinquent Owner, nor he himself perform the Same that then Such Share or Shares, Shall be forfeited Revert and belong to the Grantees, their Heirs and Assigns to be Wholly at their disposall, always Provided there be no Indian War—within any of the terms and Limitations aforesaid, for doing the Duty Conditioned in this grant and in Case that Should happen the Same time to be allowed for the Respective Matters aforesaid, after Such Impediment Should be Removed—Lastly the Said Grantors do hereby Promise to the Said Grantees their Heirs and Assigns, to defend through the Law to the King and Councill if Need be, one Action, that Shall or may be brought against them or any Number of them, by any Person or Persons Whatsoever Claiming the Said lands or any part thereof, by any other Title than that of the Said Grantors or that by which they Hold and derive their's from, provided the Said Grantors are avouch'd in to defend, the Same and in Case on Finall Tryall the Same Shall be recoverd against the Grantors for the Said Lands Improvements or Expence in Bringing forward the Settlement, the Said Grantees Shall Recover Nothing over, against the Said Grantors, and further that the Said Grantors, will pay the Necessary Expence of time and Money, that any other Person or Persons, Shall be put to by any other Suit or Suits, that Shall or may be brought against them or any

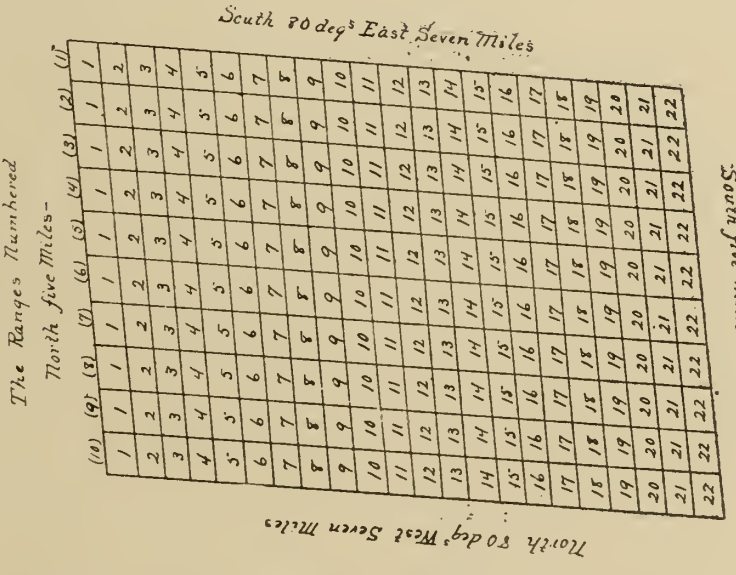
Number of them the Said Grantees—For Tryall of the Title, before one Suit Shall be fully determined in the law, to which Premises Joseph Blanchard Agent for and in behalf of the Said Grantors Have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 30th day of November in the 23d Year of his Majestys Reighn Anno Domini 1749—

Joseph Blanchard [Seal]

A True Copy of the Grant of the Middle Menadnock Township or N 2—Attest ℔ Joseph Blanchard Junr Prop Clk

a true Copy Examined attest Geo: Jaffrey Propsrs Cl—

[*Plan of Jaffrey*, 1750.]



This is a plan of the Middle Menadnock N 2 Township The Ranges are 160 Rods Wide, and the Lotts, One hundred Rods Wide, and finished laying out the lotts, in May, 1750

Robt Fletcher Junr Survr

A Copy taken from the files of the Proprietors of the Above Township

℔ Joseph Blanchard Propsrs Clk

a true Copy Examined attest. Geo: Jaffrey Propsrs Cl

[*Proprietors of Jaffrey*, 1750.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 83, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 98.]

A List of the Proprietors of the Monadnock Township—

	Draught	N°	Range	N°	Range	N°	Range
William Parker Esqr	1	12	5	6	8	4	3
Jonathan Hubbard Junr	2	12	4	6	9	2	1
Oliver Farwell	3	12	3	14	1	15	1
Thomas March	4	12	2	13	2	11	2
Ministry Lotts	5	12	6	12	1	12	10
Elias Eliot	6	12	7	3	1	8	2
James Stewart	7	11	7	3	3	20	6
Ministers Lotts	8	11	6	3	2	12	9
John Kendell	9	11	5	1	1	20	7
Joseph Blanchard Junr	10	10	7	4	6	2	2
Barnabas Davis	11	10	6	2	3	22	8
William Rindge	12	10	5	22	7	21	7
Peter Powers	13	9	4	3	6	22	10
Eleazer Blanchard	14	9	6	4	1	16	1
Joseph Blanchard Junr	15	8	6	4	2	21	10
Thomas Packer Esqr	16	13	4	6	3	1	3
John Moffatt Esqr	17	13	5	1	7	2	5
Paul March	18	13	6	16	8	2	10
Peter Powers	19	13	7	1	10	3	10
John Wentworth Esqr	20	13	8	19	8	21	9
Thomas Parker, Junr	21	13	9	1	6	12	8
Matthew Livermore Esqr	22	19	10	18	10	14	9
Benjamin Bellows	23	14	8	18	9	22	4
Richard Wibird Esqr	24	14	6	1	9	11	8
John T: Mason & Jno Thomlinson Esq^{rs}	25	14	5	17	6	1	4
Sampson Stoddard Esqr	26	14	4	17	4	21	4
Daniel Emerson	27	14	3	19	4	17	1
Josiah Browne	28	16	5	20	3	18	3
Stephen March	29	15	3	19	3	10	8
Benjamin Winn	30	15	4	7	7	5	8
John Scott	31	15	5	18	8	18	7
Daniel Peirce & Mrs Mary Moore	32	15	6	17	7	18	6
Samuel Garish	33	15	7	17	9	17	10
Theodore Atkinson Esqr	34	15	8	19	7	10	10
John Hart	35	15	9	2	9	5	3
John Chamberlin	36	15	10	14	10	22	6
Joseph Winn Junr	37	16	10	19	9	13	1
Saml Solly & Clem^{t} March Esq^{rs}	38	16	9	19	6	20	8

	Draught	N°	Range	N°	Range	N°	Range
George Jaffrey	39	16	7	17	8	10	2
Joseph Blanchard Junr	40	16	6	5	10	13	10
Joseph Blodgett Junr	41	15	5	17	5	22	5
Samuel Cumings	42	16	4	7	3	8	3
School Lotts	43	16	3	14	2	11	10
Matthew Thornton Esqr	44	16	2	7	6	11	1
Mark Hg Wentworth Esqr	45	17	2	9	3	19	2
John Butterfield	46	20	2	9	5	21	5
Josiah Brown	47	18	2	11	3	8	10
William Garish	48	19	5	20	5	1	2
Nathaniel Peirce	49	7	5	4	5	4	9
Jotham Odiorne Esqr	50	7	4	8	4	21	8
Peter Powers	51	6	4	5	5	21	6
Benjamin Bellows	52	6	5	3	5	5	7
Joshua Peirce	53	6	6	22	9	9	1
Jonathan Cumings	54	7	9	19	10	9	2
John Usher	55	7	10	6	10	13	3
Jonathan Hubbard Junr	56	9	7	9	10	18	5
Joseph French	57	9	8	9	9	10	1
Peter Powers	58	10	3	3	7	18	1
Peleg Lawrence	59	8	7	10	9	2	4
Isaac Williams	60	8	8	7	8	17	3
David Addams	61	8	9	4	10	11	9
James Stewart	62	5	9	3	8	5	6
Nathaniel Meserve Esqr	63	2	7	2	6	5	4
David Willson	64	2	8	1	8	6	7
John Rindge	65	21	2	10	4	3	9
Randall McDaniel	66	22	1	21	1	20	9
Jonathan Hubbard Junr	67	22	2	10	7	20	4
Joseph Blanchard	68	22	3	14	7	4	7
Robert Fletcher Junr	69	21	3	11	4	4	8
Joseph Emerson	70	3	4	4	4	20	10
Thomas Wallingford Esqr	71	8	5	1	5	18	4

A True Coppy of the List of the Proprietors of Menadnock Township Number two with the Number of Lotts belonging to Each Proprietor as drawn ℔ them the first Tuesday of June 1750—Attest Joseph Blanchard Junr Props Clk
a true Copy Examined attest Geo: Jaffrey Proprs Cl—

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[*Vote of Acceptance by Grantees of Jaffrey*, 1752.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 84.]

Whereas Joseph Blanchard Esqr for and in the Name and behalf of the Proprietors of the Lands in the Province of New Hampshire Purchased by them of John Tufton Mason Esqr, Who Sold to them Under the Title Made to them by a Common Recovery did on the 30th day of November 1749, Grant the Contents of Twenty two Thousand Two Hundred Acres, part of Said Lands, Bounded as followeth—Beginning, at the South West Corner of Petersborough Slip, So Called, From thence running North Eighty degrees West Seven Miles to a Hemlock Tree marked, from thence Running North by the Needle five Miles to a Hemlock Tree Marked, from thence running South Eighty degrees East Seven Miles to a Beech Tree Marked, in the West Line of Petersborough, from thence South by the Needle to the first Bounds Mentioned, Under Certain Conditions Limitations, and Reservations, in Said Grant Mentioned as by Said Grant Reference thereto will fully Appear, Unto Jonath^{n} Hubbard Oliver Farwell, Thomas March, Elias Elliot, James Stewart, John Kendell Joseph Blanchard Junr, Barnabas Davis, William Rindge, Peter Powers, Eleazer Blanchard, Paul March, Thomas Parker Junr Benjn Bellows, Sampson Stoddard, Daniel Emerson, Josiah Brown, Stephen March, Benjn Winn, John Scott, Saml Garish, John Hart, John Chamberlain, Joseph Winn Junr, Joseph Blodget Junr Samuel Cumings, Matthew Thornton, John Butterfield, William Garish, Nathan^{l} Peirce, Jonathan Cumings, John Usher, Joseph French, Peleg Lawrence, Isaac Williams, David Adams, David Willson, Randall M^{c}-Daniel, Robert Fletcher Junr, Joseph Emerson—Therefore Unanimously Voted that we do hereby Accept Said Title and for ourselves Our Heirs and Assigns Acknowledge that we do Hold Said Lands Under Said Title, Conditions and Limitations, with the Reservations Therein Mentioned—

Extract from the votes of the Proprietors, Grantees of the Township, Called Menadnock N° Two, or Middle Menadnock Passed at their Meeting the fourth day of August 1752—

Copy Examined ℔ Joseph Blanchard Prop^{s} Cl^{k}

a true Copy Examined Attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

[*Petition of Matthew Thornton*, 1767.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 85.]

To the Purchasers of the Lands Contained in the Patent of John Tufton Mason Esq. in the province of New Hampshire Mathew Thornton Esq. Agent for & in Behalf of the Grantees of the New Township Called Middle Manadnock, in said Province, Granted by Joseph Blanchard Esq. Agent for the said Purchassers Shews, that the Grantees of the aforesaid Town Ship, by Reason, of the Absence of their Clark Who Keept all their Records, have had no Legal Meetings, Could not Raise Taxes Necessary to forward, & Compleat the Settlement, agreeable to the Gra[n]t. Therefore in the Capacity aforesaid in Behalf of the Grantees aforesaid, I Humbly pray, That Two years may be added to the time Mentioned in the Charter of said Township, that the Grantees may be able to Compleat the Settlement of said Township, also that the said Grantees may be Directed & Impowered to Hold Legal Meeting for the purposes aforesaid, all which is Humbly Submited, ℔

Portsmouth March, 13th, A D 1767.— Mathew Thornton Agent for the Grantees of Middle Manadnock

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[*Charter Renewed*, 1767.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, March 13, 1767.]

Province of New Hampshr } Portsmouth March 13th 1767 Fryday ten of the Clock beforenoon at the Dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqur Innholder—the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Matthew Thornton Esqr for & in Behalf of the Grantees of the Township called the Middle Monadnock by his Petition of this date, having represented that the said Grantees were prevented having legal Meetings to vote & raise necessary Taxes for forwarding & compleating the Settlement of said Township by the Absence of their Propriety-Clerk, & praying two Years from this Date may be added for compleating the Settlement of said Township—Upon Consideration of said Petition, the Proprietors being willing to Encourage the said Grantees in their Endeavours to make the Settlement they undertake—Therefore—

Voted that the Prayer of the Petition above-mentioned be & hereby is Granted, & that the said Grantees of the Township called middle Manadnock, have two Years time from this Day to finish & compleat the Settlement of said Township agreeable to the Terms & Conditions

of their Grant of said Township made by Joseph Blanchard Esq[r] in Behalf of said Proprietors—

[*Petition of John Grout*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 86.]

To the Proprietors of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esq[r] of that tract of Land Lying in the province of New Hampshire known by the Name of the Mason Grant Humbly sheweth that John Grout your petitioner eleven years past moved into the Township called Monadnock N° two in s[d] Grant & for conveniency of Settlement purchased a House then already built with some improvements Made by Moses Stickney on Lott N° twelve in the ninth Range Drawn in the Right of the first settled minister have Continued thereon have made Larger improvements thereon to a Comfortable inheritance—

your petitioner therefore Humbly moves that he may be quieted on s[d] Lott giving another in exchange therefor equal in Situation & goodness so that the Minister Right be not Lessened nor Hurt or otherways to be Releived and quieted on the premisses as the Hon[ble] proprietors shall think fit and as in Duty bound shall ever pray

February 14 1769 John Grout

[*Petition of Gilmore Brothers*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 87.]

Middel me Monadnick N 2 March y[e] 10 : 1769

Gentlman Grant Tors Brother and I Bought ye Right that was Paul March January Sixtey Eaight And Upon Seaid Right Wee have Goot Twentey Ackers of Land Clearied on Seaid Right and his Goot ye Timber for Hoss and Wee Entend to Rais it This Mounth and Gentlman wee Beg y[e] faver of you as you ar men of Honnor that you Would Not Hurt Us in Ouer Entrest for wee have don Ever Thinge In ouer power to Bring forward y[e] Setlement of This Place—

John Gillmore
Roger Gilmore

[*Petition of John Grout*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 88.]

To the proprietors of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esq[r] Humbly Sheweth—

That John Grout your Hon^rs petitioner has Lived Constantly in a place called the middle Monadnock N° two for more than the Space of eleven years with a Large Family about three years whereof was alone having no other family in S^d place my Rodes to cut out & improve at my own Cost attended with Hardships too many to be here set forth I have improved & Supported my family by improving on a Lot drawn in the Right of the first Settled minister near the outside of sd township have been using means to exchange the same for another Lot of my own as good and Convenient as that have had no Success therein am in great danger of Loosing all my Labor done thereon to the utter Ruining of my Self & family except the same be Secured to me speedily by the Compassionate care & interposition of the proprietors aforesd

I would further beg leave to Lay before the Honble proprietors the State of the Settlement of S^d Township in a Scheedule annexed wherein it appears that many Rights are altogether Delinquent & Others Delinquent in part as appears by the annexed and as your Honers petitioner through many Hardships has upon his own Cost bin the first & principle Settler there & done that Service there which Delinquents ought to have done & as he has a Large family sufficient to Settle every delinquent Right your petitioner would humbly move that the same be granted to him for that purpose

and as in Duty bound shall ever pray

March 15th 1769 John Grout

[*Condition of Settlements in Jaffrey*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 89.]

Settlers on free Lotts in Monadnock N° 2

1th on the first draught family mcneal	1
5th on the fifth draught family hale—	1
8th on the eighth draught family Grout	1
20th on the twentieth two families Smiley & Hop^n—	2
22 on the twenty Second family wright—	1
29th on the 29th three Settlers two families above measure	2
71. on 71 draught a family nicholds—	1
Families	9

Settlers that abide Constantly &c on Settling Rights

6th on 6th draught a family Gilmore—	1
7th on 7th two families organ & wallas—	2

11th draught family Taggott—	1
13th draught family Davis—	1
15th draught family Hunt—	1
18th Settler constantly no house much work done Gilmore—	1
26th draught family mcalister—	1
28th a family turner w^{m}—	1
29th a family turner Sol—	1
42 draught family Little—	1
44th a family walker—	1
47th a Constant Settler no house Grout—	1
48th a family Borland—	1
51st a family swan—	1
59th a Settler—Hogg—	1
60th a Settler—wid Henderson—	1
66th a Settler Jos Turner—	1
69th a Settler Davidson—	1
56th a Settler Harper—	1
	20
23 draught a Settler improvement^{ts} &c F Wright—	1
	21
70th Draught purchased by my self & expected to exchange one Lot for the minister Lot upon which I now Dwell & have done thereon more than Severall Duties	1
	22
31 draught family &c Caldwell—	1
The above s^{d} Settles 22 Rights from 40	23
Remains 18	
ten more are priviledged 10	
some beginings on Settling rights &c	
on Second Draught Some work Rie Sowd Mitchel—	1
3^{d} Draught Some work Rie Raised house frame &c Homes—	1
19th Some work done about ten Load of Hay cut yearly &c gilmore—	1
21 draught improvements sufficient wright & gilmore	1
30th improvements Little—	1

41 draught meadow fenced on 17–5 Saw mill built on 22 in 5 by Davidson meadow fenced by turner Jos 1
49 a few days cutting trees Glover— 1
62 Some cutting down on Lot No 5 in 6 Range Hunter— 1
67th Some work on all the Lotts Turners & Homes— 1
4 draught Some cutting down mitchel— 1

No meeting House built 10

The aforesd is a true account of the Settling Rights in Middle Monadnock N° two Cearfully examined &c & Humbly Submitted by us Subscribers & Inhabitance

John Grout
Roger Gilmore

[*Reuben Kidder's Judgment*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 90.]

Monodnock n° 2 July 21 1769

To the Honerabel George Jaffer Esqr

on Reciving a Later from your self Desiring me to go and Satel the Afair between Mr John Grout the Propritors of monodnock N° 2 I have ben this Day vewed the Lots My Judment is that mr Grout Give a Deed to the Propritors of the Lot N° 4 in the 4 Rang and 30 acors of the Est Side of the Lot N° 3 in the 4 Range in Exchang for the Lot N° 12 in 9 Rang

Reuben Kidder

In Complyance With ye above Judgment We ye Subscribers a Committee for ye Propriators of ye above mentioned township Have Rec^d^ a Deed of mr Grout of ye above mentioned Land and Pray for Directions from your Hon^r^ how that mr Grout Shall have his title &c—

John Gillmore
Alex^r^ M^c^Neall
John Harper

[*Inhabitants of Jaffrey to Proprietors*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 91.]

to Colo. Atkison Esqr

Sir We thought it Our duty to inform Your Honnours that Ruben Kidder Esqr Came According to Your Honours Apointment at Your Proprietors Metting to Vuew and Vallue the Lot that John Grout Lives Upon (Viz) the Ministers Lot and Likewise the Land that the said Grout was willing to Give for the Said Lot and the Land that

the Said Kidder Excepted of Lyeth Upon the Side of the Monadnock Mounton Which is Not fit for a Settelment and We the Subscribers is Not Willing to Accept of it and Prays Your honour Not to Let it Go that Way the Above Said John Grout has had A Leash of the Said Ministers Land these twelve Years past And s^{d} Least is good Untill there is a Settled Minister in this Place the Said Grout Sayeth that he hath five Lots in this town Ship But he Would Give no Other But that Mountan Land And will have it for that Land Which We Look Upon Nixt to Nothing and Prays Your Honour Would Either Let it Stand for A Minister or Other wise Give Land as Good

Sir No More But Would take Leve to Subscribe our Selves Your Honours Humble Servents

Middle Monadnock N° 2 November ye 7: A D 1769

Silas Russell	william mitchell	William Turner
thomas Turner	John Borland	thomas daveson
Solomon torner	Amos orgon	Robart homs
robert win	Joseph turner	Mathew Wright
Matthew Wallace	John Swan	George Wallace
William Smiley	Alex^{r} m^{c}neall	James Caldwell Se^{r}
Thomas Caldwell	John Little	William Cristey
James Caldwell Ju^{r}	Francis Wright	

[*Petition of John Grout*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 92.]

To the Honble the proprietors of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esq Humbly sheweth that your petitioner John Grout for above twelve years Last past has improved & Supported himself & Large Family in Middleton or Monadnock N^{o} two on Lott N° 12 in the 9 Range Drawn in the Right of the first settled minister & was the first Settler in S^{d} Township for about three years of said Time under many Hardships & Difficulties too many to be here enumerated an exchange has been many times proposed for my Releaf & not perfected also your petitioner has been exercised with Long & Costly sickness & not now able to come to Porthm^{o} in march Last the Consideration of the proposed Exchange was Reffered to Ruben Kidder Esq who as I am informed has Reported thereon & my Complyance therewith Compleated as may appear in your Clerks office your petitioner therefore Humbly prays his case may come under Consideration as soon as may be least being put off till the times be changed there be no Remiedy & as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

March 5 1770 John Grout

[*Account of Settlements in Jaffrey*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 93.]

an Accompt of the Settlements in monadnock N° 2 in ye Province of New Hampshire

1 Dra^t^ William Parker Esqr Settled by Alexander m^c^neil
2 Dra^t^ Jonathan Hubbard Junr Settled by William mitchel
3 Dra^t^ olliver Farewell Settled by Robart Holms
4 Dra^t^ Thomas March—
5 Dra^t^ minestry Right—
6 Dra^t^ Elias Eliot Settled by John Gilmore
7 Dra^t^ James Stuart two Lotts Settled by organ and Warllace
8 Dra^t^ minester Right—
9 Dra^t^ John Kindle—
10 Dra^t^ Joseph Blanchard Junr priviledg Right—one Lott Improved by Robart Holms
11 Dra^t^ Barnabas Davis Settled by munroe and fitch
12 Dra^t^ William Rindge—
13 Dra^t^ Peter Powers Settled by Daniel Davis
14 Dra^t^ Eliezer Blanchard priviledg Right—one Lott Improved by James Nickels
15 Dra^t^ Joseph Blanchard Junr Settled by Ephraim Hunt and mills on ye Same
16 Dra^t^ Thomas Packer Esqr—
17 Dra^t^ John Moffatt Esqr—one Lott Improved by Robart Wier
18 Dra^t^ Paul March Settled by Roger Gilmore
19 Dra^t^ Peter Powers priviledge Right one Lott Improved by Roger Gilmore
20 Dra^t^ John Wentworth Esqr Settled by William Smiley
21 Dra^t^ Thomas Parker jun^r^ Largely Improved by Wright and Gilmore
22 Dra^t^ matthew Livermore Esqr Settled by matthew Wright
23 Dra^t^ Benjamin Bellows Esqr Settled by Francis Wright
24 Dra^t^ Richard Wibard Esqr one Lott Improved by Joseph Caldwell
25 Dra^t^ John Tufton mason Esqr Settled by William Hodge
26 Dra^t^ Samson Stodard Settled by And^w^ m^c^Allester
27 Dra^t^ Daniel Emerson Settled by James Nickels
28 Dra^t^ Josiah Brown Settled by William Turner
29 Dra^t^ Stephen march three Lotts Settled Cristy Russell and Turner ≺ one being ment for Cummins Right 54th Dra^t^
30 Dra^t^ Benjamin Winn priviledge Right a barn & Improved

31 Dra^{t} John Scott Settled by James Caldwell Junr
32 Dra^{t} Peirce and Moor——
33 Dra^{t} Samuel Garrish Settled by Jonathan Hopkinson
34 Dra^{t} Theoder Atkinson Esqr—
35 Dra^{t} John Hart Esqr——
36 Dra^{t} John Chamberlin—
37 Dra^{t} Joseph Winn Junr——
38 Dra^{t} Solley and march Esqr–one Lott Improved by George Warllace
39 Dra^{t} George Jaffrey Esqr—
40 Dra^{t} Joseph Blanchard Junr priviledge Right
41 Dra^{t} Joseph Blodget Junr Settled by Thomas Caldwell a Saw mill
42 Dra^{t} Samuel Cummins Settled by John Little
43 Dra^{t} School Right——
44 Dra^{t} matthew Thornton Esqr Settled by Thomas Walker
45 Dra^{t} m Hunkin Wentworth Esqr——
46 Dra^{t} John Butterfield priviledge Right—
47 Dra^{t} Josiah Brown—
48 Dra^{t} William Garrish Settled by John Borland
49 Dra^{t} Nathaniel peirce Esqr Settled by Thomas Emery
50 Dra^{t} Jonathan odiorne Esqr——
51 Dra^{t} peter powers Settled by John Swan
52 Dra^{t} Benjamin Bellows Esqr—
53 Dra^{t} Joshua peirce Esqr——
54 Dra^{t} Jonathan Cummins Settled as above mentioned by Solomon Turner
55 Dra^{t} John Usher Settleing Duty Don by Enoch Hale but no house
56 Dra^{t} Jonathan Hubbard Junr Settled by John Harper
57 Dra^{t} Joseph French Esqr——
58 Dra^{t} peter powers Settled by Jonathan parker privi^{e} Right
59 Dra^{t} peleg Larrance Settled by Joseph Hodge
60 Dra^{t} Isaac Williams Settled by James Caldwell
61 Dra^{t} David Adams Settled by Hugh Dunlap
62 Dra^{t} James Stuart Settleing Duty Doing by David Hunter
63 Dra^{t} Nathaniel meserve Esqr——
64 Dra^{t} David Wilson—
65 Dra^{t} John Rindge Esqr—
66 Dra^{t} Randel m^{c}Daniel Settled by Joseph Turner
67 Dra^{t} Jonathan Hubbard Junr Settleing Duty Don by Thomas Turner
68 Dra^{t} Joseph Blanchard Esqr Well Improved by Thomas Davidson
69 Dra^{t} Robart fletcher Junr Settled by John Davidson

70 Dra^{t} Joseph Emerson Settled by John Grout
71 Dra^{t} Thomas Wallensford Esqr—

The Rights that appeareth to be Delinquent Are as folloeth viz)
The 4 Dra^{t} Thomas March
The 9 Dra^{t} John Kindle
The 12 Dra^{t} William Rindge
The 35 Dra^{t} John Hart Esqr
36 Dra^{t} John Chamberlin
and 37 Dra^{t} Joseph Winn Junr
The 47 Dra^{t} Josiah Brown
The 52 Dra^{t} Benja^{n} Bellows Esqr
The 57 Dra^{t} Joseph French Esqr
and 64 Dra^{t} David Wilson

A True Accompt Err^{s} Excepted per me

Enoch Hale

[*Andrew McAllister to Joseph Minot*, 1772.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 94.]

Sr After My Kind Regards to you these may Inform you that I have got a Certifyceat and Drawn a Petition as well as I Could and Would be vary much oblidged to you if you Would Cary it to ye Lord Proprtors and Lay it Befor them and Represent my Case to them telling them I am A poore Man and Came onto ye Land honastly Expecting to have it for Performing Settlement and it may Be that there mercy Will be Plased to Give me the other Lott Belonging to ye S^{d} Right I Would A Com Down my Selfe and a seen you but I am Not Able for I have not A Dun A days Work this Summer for I have hurt my Selfe Working on this Land and I never Expect to be Well all my days—

Sr Send me A Line after you have Been at Portsmouth and if I am Able I Will Com and Se you I am very much oblidged to you and I Will Setisfy you for your Truble

this from your Humble Sar^{t}

Andrew McAllaster

N B there is Eight or ten Rights of Land in this town forfitted and if you had any thoughts of Buying them from ye Lord Propritors I Will Do the utmost of my Power of Informing you Where thy are

To Mr Jonas Minot——

[*Petition of Andrew McAllister*, 1772.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 95.]

To the Hon^rble Theoadore Atkinson Esqr & the other Propriators of Masons Patant Lying in the Province of Newhampshire the Petition of Andrew m^cAllaster Who humbly Sheweth that William Morrow of Londonderry Bargened With your Petitionr for to Settle A Right of Land in Monadock N° 2 Which Right of Land Was drawn by Mr Daniel Emorison and promised to Give your Petitionar the Lott N° 19 in the 4 Range for doing all ye Duty and performing Settlement Which Was in ye year 1770 and your Petitionar Buelt a house and Cleared Eight or ten Acres of Land and Performed Settlement According to My Bargan on Said Lott and is now thretned by William Morrow that he will Disposess me of s^d Land & as I Understand the Right of Land Was forfitted and Belonged to your Hon^rs Before I Entred in Said Lott your Petitioner therefore Humbly Prays that your honours in your Wisdom and Goodness Would Grant the Said Lott to your Petitioner on terms of Settlement that he may not be Disapointed of his Expecttion nor Turned off his Labour and your Petitioner as in Duty Shall Allway Pray

Andrew McAllaster

Monadock N° 2 September ye 7th day 1772—

[*Certificate in Favor of McAllister*, 1772.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 96.]

Monadock N° 2 Sep^t ye 3 day 1772—

These may Certify your Honours that Andrew McAllaster hes Settled the Right of Land that Was Drawn by Mr Daniel Emorison in Monadock N° 2 & there is No other Settler on any of ye other Lotts As Witness our hands

Matthew Wallace
Roger Gilmore
George Wallace
Siles Russel——

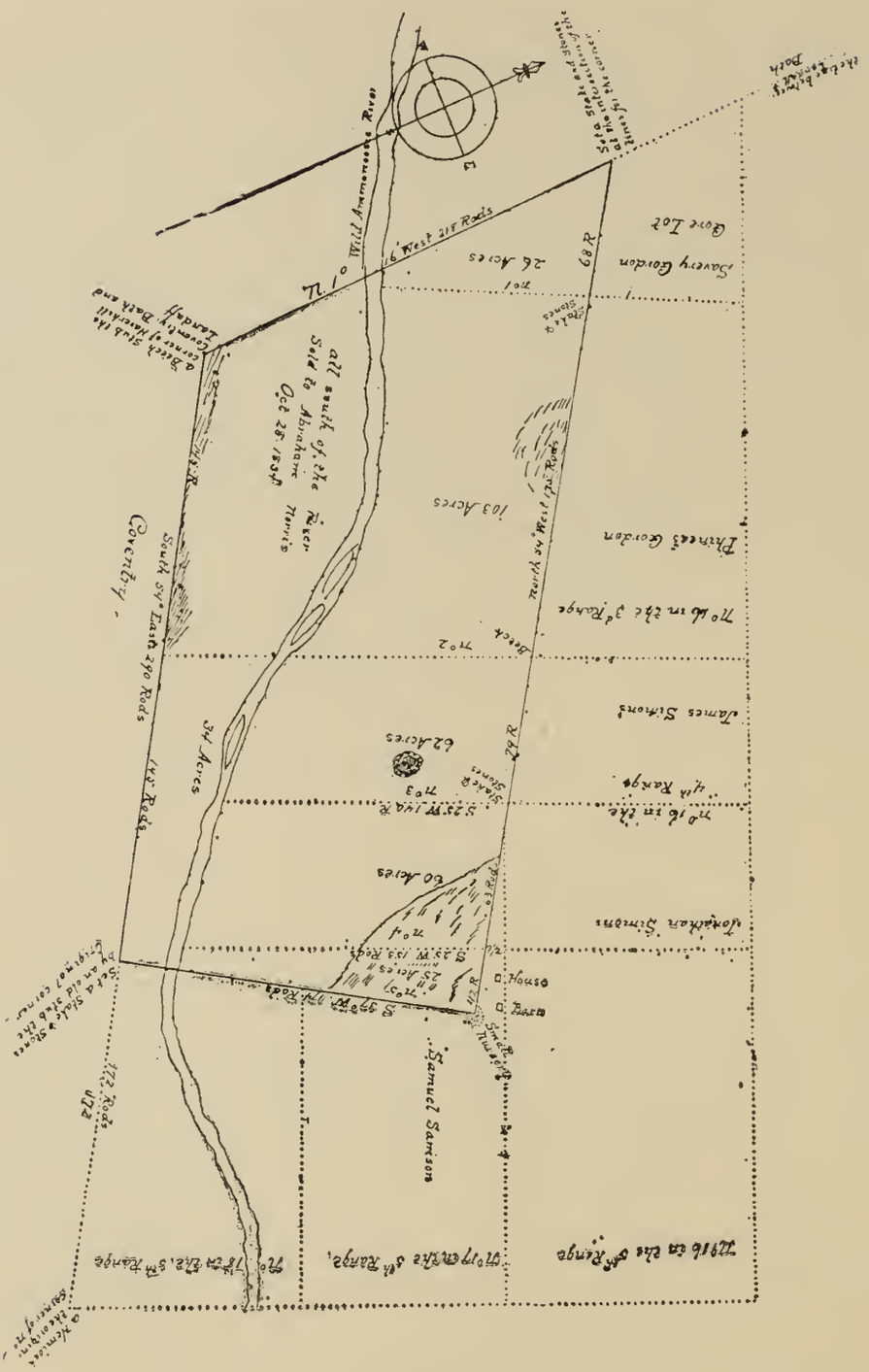
John Stanley
John Gilmore
Jonathan Stanley

LANDAFF.

[Granted Jan. 31, 1764, to James Avery and others. Regranted to Dartmouth College Jan. 19, 1770. Incorporated Nov. 11, 1774. Settlements were made to some extent under the Dartmouth College grant. After the Revolution, the first grantees claimed that the forfeiture was illegal, and by the decision of the courts, the college lost its title. A portion of Lincoln was annexed July 2, 1845. All that part of Landaff northwest of Ammonoosuc River was annexed to Lisbon June 23, 1859. Easton was set off and incorporated July 20, 1876.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 464; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 361; Index to Laws, 277; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 396; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 12; Stevens's Memorials of Methodism, 1852, p. 145; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 581; History of the Administration of the Law in Grafton County, by A. S. Batchellor, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 41; History of Dartmouth College and Hanover, by Frederick Chase, 1891, vol. 1, p. 603; History of Dartmouth College, by B. P. Smith, 1878.]

[*Plan of Lot in Landaff*, 1819.]



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A plan of 388 Acres of land as originall laid out for the Governors Lot in the South West corner of Landaff with the adjoining hundred acre Lots round the same which is shewn on the plan by dotted lines also the names of the inhabitants living on the lots is inserted in the tract

he lives on—the parts of the Gov^{rs} lot under improvement are coloured with red paint—said plan is laid down by a scale of 20 Chains to an inch as surveyed and protracted by me

Signed John McDuffee { County Surveyor for Orange County, Vermont

Jany 28, 1819

[*Valuation of Governor's Reservation in Landaff*, 1819.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 98.]

State of Newhampshire } We the subscribers Selectmen of Lan-
Grafton ss } daff in Said County

Having ben requested to explore the reservation of Bening Wentworth in said Town have ben on do apprise it as follows

lot N° 1 $2.00 per acre South of Savoury Gordon
D° N° 2 1.75 South of Phineas Gordon
D° N° 3 2.25 South of James Simonds
D° N° 4 3.00 West of Samuel Sampson
fees E Eaton 1 Mos. Webster 1

The above named lots of land all laying on the north side of the river

Eben^{r} Eaton
Moses Webster

January 30th 1819 Mr Ebenezer Eaton & Col Moses Webster signers of the above certificate are Men with whom I am acquainted—they are considered to be men of respectability & Judgment

M. P. Payson
Saml Hutchins

[*Offer of Jonathan Simonds*, 1819.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 99.]

Landaff Oct 18th 1819

for the lot of sixty acres of land lying South of my farm lying on the north side of the river I will give three dollars and thirty fore cents per acre and make pay in fore years from the time I may come in possession of the same with interest I will pay in grass seede grain or neat stock

Jonathan Simonds

[*Offer of Phineas Gordon*, 1819.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 99.]

Landaff Oct 18th 1819

for the land lying south of my farm from my east line to the river which is a part of the governors farm so called I will give two dollars per acre and will make pay in fore years or will leave it to S^{p} Webster to chose theree men to prise said land and take it at their prisal

Phinehas Gordon

LYNDEBOROUGH.

[Granted by Massachusetts June 19, 1735, to Capt. Samuel King and others, and called *Salem-Canada*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors Dec. 5, 1753, to Benjamin Lynde and others, and named Lyndeborough in honor of Benjamin Lynde. Incorporated April 23, 1764. A portion of the town, with other territory, was incorporated as Greenfield June 15, 1791. Another portion was annexed to Temple, June 11, 1796. The northeasterly part was annexed to Mont Vernon Jan. 5, 1853. A tract from the southerly side was annexed to Milford June 27, 1873.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 535; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 509; Index to Laws, 301; sketch, by David C. Grant, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 498; Historical Address, 150th Anniversary, 1889, by Frank G. Clarke, 1891, pp. 68; Proceedings of 150th Anniversary, mss., in possession of W. H. Grant, St. Paul, Minn.; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 19; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 192; The First Settlers, by J. Clark, 21, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 277: Materials for a History, 8, *id.*, 94; manuscripts in possession of W. H. Grant, St. Paul, Minn.]

[*John Shepard's Power of Attorney*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 101.]

To John Shepherd of Souhegan West in the Province of New Hampshire Gent.—You are hereby desired & authorized for us & in our behalf & to our use & others as Proprietors of all that Tract of Land Lately purchased by us & others of John Tufton Mason Esqr by Deed Dated the thirtieth Day of July 1746 To Enter upon a Certain Tract of Land Situate in Said Province Containing about five hundred Acres bounded Southerly by Souhegan River Easterly by a place called Souhegan West & Westerly & Northerly by unimproved Land and make the most & best Improvement of Said Tract of Land that you can and forbid & prevent any others from Entring & Improving

there unless by your leave & to the Same use which you your Self are hereby Authorized to do for which this Shall be your Warrant Dated at Portsm° the 16th Day of Septr 1748

John Shepard

the within Warrant or power of attorney is a Copy of One given to me by Theodore Atkinson Mark Hunking Wentworth R. Wibird Thos Packer John Moffatt Nathl Meserve J. Odiorne & Thos Wallingsford Esqrs

John Shepard

Witnesses
Wm Parker
Matthew Livermore

[*Petition of Samuel Dustin*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 101.]

Portsmouth October 26th 1748—

To the Gentlemen Purchasers & Proprietors of Mason's Right in the Province of New Hampshire

I the Subscriber in behalf of myselfe and others chiefly Inhabitants of Haverhill District & Methuen District pray the favour of the Proprietors aforesaid to grant or dispose of, to us or such a number of us as to you Shall Seem meet and upon Such Terms as shall be most agreable to you, of a Parcel of land beginning at ye east corner of Souhegan west then running Six miles upon Salem Cannada (So Called), northward, then running westerly Six Miles then Southerly Six miles then Easterly Six miles—So as to make Six Miles Square or otherwise as near said tract of land as you shall think fit—and we shall esteem your favour an Obligation to your Petitioners in whose behalfe I am Gentm

Your Hum: Servt

Samuel Dustin

[*Charter of Lyndeborough*, 1753.]

[Farmer's Mss. Town Papers, Vol. 4, p. 275.]

Province of New Hampr } Pursuant to the Power and Authority granted And vested in me the Subscriber by the Proprs of Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr in the Province of New Hampshire At their meeting Regularly Called for that Purpose.—

I do by these Presents On the terms And Conditions with the reservations herein After Expressed Give And Grant All the Right title property And Possession of the Prop^{rs} afores^{d} According to the following Proportions of Interest vizt to Benjamin Lynd's Esq four Shares Benjamin Pitkman Esqr three Shares Robert Hooper Esq One Share, to the Heirs and Assigns of Joseph Sweat Esq Six Shares to Joseph Blaney Esq two Shares—Samuel Wells Esq two Shares Daniel Epps Junr Esqr two Shares Major Joshua Hicks two Shares Benjamin Goodhew three Shares Thomas Fletcher Two Shares Joseph Richardson two Shares George Goold two Shares Ephraim Ingalls Two Shares And to the following Persons vizt Joseph Bowdage Esq Josiah Bowers Stephen Puttnam the Heirs of James Lendall Esq late Deceased Jonathan Bowers Major John Fowle John Bickford William Holt Moses Graves, Oliver Fletcher Esq Timothy Cumings to Mrs Hannah Cobbit Joseph Clough David Stinson Daniel Nickolls Robert Swan And Jonathan Peal to Which Seventeen One Share Each, of in And to a tract of Land in the Province of New Hamp^{r} afores^{d} Containing by Estimation twenty eight Thousand Acres Part thereof Heretofore Called Salem Canada the Whole tract Bounded As follows, Begining at the Northeast Corner of a tract of Land Called Duxbury School Farm And in the line of that tract or township Called Souhegan West from thence runing West by the Needle One mile two Hundred And Eighty Rods to the East line of a tract of Land Called Nomber two from thence North by the Needle four Hundred And ninety Eight Rods to the Northeast Corner of S^{d} N^{o} two from thence west by the Needle by S^{d} N° 2 five miles to a White Ash marked the Corner of Petersborough Slip And of N° 2: And from thence west by the Needle two Hundred And Forty Rods by S^{d} Petersborough Slip to a Beach tree Marked from thence North by the Needle Six miles & Three Quarters to a tree Marked for the Corner of S^{d} tract from Thence East by the Needle three miles and One quarter to a tree marked in the Western line of New Boston from thence South by that line One mile And An half to the most Southwesterly Corner of New Boston afores^{d} from thence East by S^{d} New Boston line three miles One hundred And twenty rods to a Black Oak marked Still by Said New Boston line & runs South two miles And An half To a Stump and Stones from thence East One mile And Eighty rods to the northwest Corner of that tract Called Southegun west afores^{d} from thence South by the line of Said Souhegun west four miles One Hundred And twenty three rods to the Bounds first mentioned, & to all the Bounds afores^{d} lett Either of the lines afores^{d} be more or less— Which tract of Land or Township Shall from this time be Called Lyndes Borough, the Premises afores^{d} under the terms & Conditions

with the Reservations hereafter express, (that is to Say) that the Grantees afores[d] According their Respective Shares (excepting as hereafter excepted, have twenty One Thousand & thirty Acres Part of the afores[d] twenty eight Thousand Acres As the Whole of the grantees part of the Premises in the following Manner viz[t] that Each of the Grantees named in the Scheedule hereunto Annexed Own And Enjoy the Severall And Respective lotts to their names Respectively Affixed, As part of their Shares, That the following Severall Lotts, (And to be part of the Grantees proportion afores[d]) be granted As afores[d] free from Duty Settlement or taxes in Bringing forward or Compleating the duty as the Conditions of this grant to the Severall Persons hereafternamed As follows To David Badger the lott N° 117, to Francis Densmore the lott N° 106, to Bartholomew Jackson lott N° 100, To John Skead the lott N° 50, To Paul Raymond the lott N° 99, Which lotts Contain by estimation one Hundred And thirty Acres each And is part of the Second Division formerly laid out in S[d] tract, To James Twadle in the Right formly Edward Fladre the Home lot Called 24 East with An Addition Round About it of Sixty four Acres to Compleat the quantity of One Hundred And thirty Acres to Deacon Nathaniel Puttnam Peter Martin & George Dealands Heirs to Each One lott, to be lay'd Out in the undivided Lands which three lotts Are to Contain One Hundred And thirty Acres each And to Benjamin Lynde As Assignee to John Dale Sen[r] the home lott N° 21 And One Hundred and Twenty Acres to be Lay'd out in the Undivided Lands Which S[d] persons in their Capacitys as above Shall be Intitled to no further part of y[e] Premises—

That Out of the Grantees Proportion there be three Shares more granted One for the first Settled Minister And One for Ministry And One for the Schole there forever Which Said Shares Shall be And Contain in the Severall And Respective lotts entered in the Scheedule hereunto Annexed As their Whole & Respective Shares & Shall be free of Duty of Settlement And all taxes in performing the Condions of this Grant—

To have and to hold to them their Heirs & Assigns forever under the following Conditions, with y[e] Reservations hereafter mentioned Viz[t]—

That there be reserved out of said Tract, One Farm of Five Hundred Acres, at the South-Westerly Corner of said Tract and also One Hundred and Fifty Acres, Adjoining on that Corner of y[e] Township that Bounds on New Boston West Line, & One Hundred and Fifty Acres as discribed in y[e] Plan of said Tract

And that there be further reserved to and for y[e] use of y[e] Grantors, their Heirs and Assigns, Free of all Charge & Incumberance of Settle-

ment or Taxes, untill improved by the Owners, or by them sold, Six Thousand and Sixty Six Acres, and laid out into Nineteen Equal shares at the Charge of ye Grantees, in ye following manner Viz^t^ That there be in ye next best Accomodations of ye undivided Lands, Three Thousand Six Hundred & Sixty Acres, laid out for the Grantors aforesaid, for Quantity and Quality, with ye Lands already laid out, in Nineteen Equal shares, as aforesaid and that there shall be next laid out, in ye said undivided Lands so much to each Grantee, who has not his full Proportion in ye Lands already laid out, and set in ye Schedule, as shall make their respective shares equal with the rest—

And that the remaining part of the Land reserved for the Grantors aforesaid, being Two Thousand Four Hundred Acres, be Divided for Quantity and Quality, with the rest of ye com'on Lands into Nineteen equal shares—And the remainder of ye Com'ons or undivided Lands, to be to and for the use of ye Grantees as they shall Order the Divisions thereof—And that where any Lands was by the Proprietors, claiming under the Massachusets Grant formerly left within any Lott, for Highways, the Owners of such Lott, shall have said Land thus reserved, allowing so much, as shall be of Equal Value, out of his Part in his next Division of ye Com'ons

That the respective Grantees, Owners of ye Fifty shares afores^d^ and who are not excused from Duty and Charge, bring forward and make settlement, in the following manner Viz^t^ That they lay out ye s^d^ Tract or Township and compleat the Division thereof as afore directed, at or before ye 20th Day of November next ensuing, and return a Plan thereof, certified under the Hand of their Clerk on Oath, within Two Months after such Work, shall be compleated to ye Clerk of said Grantors

That ye respective Owners, for each respective share, make One settlement, in the following manner Viz^t^ To clear inclose & fit for Mowing or Plowing Two Acres on some one Lott, and have a comfortable dwelling House, Built and fitted for comfortable Dwelling in, and a Family or some Person resident there at or before, the first Day of December, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Six, and to continue Inhabitant or Resident there, for Four Years, then next comeing and also for the same Four Years Annually, on each of ye said Lotts, to have Two Acres cleared, Inclosed and fitted as aforesaid

That there be a Meeting House, for Publick Worship in said Township, within Five Years from this Date, at Such Place as shall be agreed on by the Proprietors, both Grantors and Grantees, to be determined according to Interest, and Ten Acres reserved there for

Publick use notwithstanding such Lott should be laid out to any Particular Person or Persons

That the Lands in said Township belonging to Grantors and Grantees, be subjected to have all Necessary Highways, laid through them as there shall be occasion, for the Future without any Pay or Allowance for Damages, that the aforesaid Grantees, their Heirs or Assigns not heretofore excused from Charge, by a Major Vote in Publick Meeting called for that Purpose, Grant and Assess in Equal Proportion, Such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think necessary for carrying forward and compleating the Settlement aforesaid or for the Support of the Ministry as the Proprietors shall agree to, and every of the Grantees exclusive of the Three Publick Lotts, or his Assignee who shall Neglect for the Space of Sixty Days after such Assessment shall be granted, to pay the same, so much of such Delinquents Rights, shall and may be sold as will Pay their respective Taxes and all Charges ariseing thereon by a Com'ittee to be appointed by the Grantees or their Assignees, for that Purpose—And in case any of the Grantees, or their Assignees shall neglect or refuse to perform any of the Articles, Matters, or Things aforesaid by him respectively to be done, He shall Forfeit his Right in said Township, and every Part thereof, to those of the Grantees or their Imediate Assignees who shall have complyed, with the Conditions on their Part, herein expressed, and it shall, and may be Lawfull for them or any Person, by their Authority, to enter into & upon, the Right or Part, of such Delinquent Owner and any and every part in the Name and behalf of the whole of the Grantees or their Imediate Assignees, who shall comply as aforesaid, to amove oust and expell for the use of them their Heirs and Assigns, provided they settle or cause to be settled each such delinquents Right, within the Term of one Year at the farthest from the Periods, that is by this Instrument Stipulated to be done as the Condition of this Grant and fully comply with the whole Duty, such delinquent ought to have done, within One Year from Time to Time after the respective Periods thereof and in case the Grantees or their Assignees, fullfilling their Parts as aforesaid shall neglect, fullfilling as aforesaid the Duty of any delinquent Owner as aforesaid then such right or Part shall be Forfeit revert and belong to the Grantors their Heirs and Assigns and be wholly at their disposal

Allways Provided there shall be no Indian Warr, within any of ye Terms aforesaid for doing the Duty conditioned in this Grant, and in case that should happen, the same Time to be allowed, for the respective matters afores^{d} after such Impediment shall be removed

That all White Pine Trees fit for Masting His Majesties Royall

Navy growing on said Tract of Land, be and hereby are Granted to his Majesty, His Heirs and Successors forever

Lastly the said Grantors, do promise and Engage to ye said Grantees, their Heirs and Assigns, to defend through the Law, to King & Council, (if need be one Action that shall and may be brought against them or any Number of them, by any Person or Persons whatsoever, claiming the said Land or any part thereof, by any other Title than that, of the s^{d} Grantors, or that by which, they hold and derive theirs from, provided the said Grantors are avouched in to defend the same and that in Case on Final Tryall, the same shall be recovered, against the Grantors, that such Person or Persons, shall recover nothing over against the Grantors for the said Lands, Improvements or Expence, in bringing forward the Settlement

To all which Premises, I Joseph Blanchard Agent for and in behalf of the Proprietors, the Grantors, have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Fifth Day of December A D. 1753—

Signed Sealed & D D in presence of
Geo: Delond
Jno Bowles

Joseph Blanchard [seal]

The aforegoing Pages contain a True Copy of the Charter signed & Executed by Joseph Blanchard Esqr as Agent for & in behalf of the Propriet^{rs} of Lands purchased of Jno Tufton Mason Esqr in the Province of New Hampshire delivered unto us the Subscribers in behalf of the Grantees mentioned in this Charter And whereas we were by the afores^{d} Grantees Authorized & Impowered to setle Agree & Compound, concerning the premises in the aforewritten Charter, with the s^{d} Joseph Blanchard Esqr in his capacity abovemention'd, on such terms & Conditions & with such reservations as by both parties should be agreed & Concluded, Now therefore we the s^{d} Com'itee in the name & behalf of the Grantees mentioned in the aforewritten Charter, hereby Accept s^{d} Title & for s^{d} Grantees do Acknowledge that we hold s^{d} Lands, under the s^{d} Grantors Title & on the conditions & Limitations with the reservations express'd in said Charter Wittness our hands this 5th Decemb^{r} 1753

Witnesses
Love Pickman
John Nutting Jr

Benj^{a} Lynde
Benj^{a} Pickman
Joshua Hicks
} Com^{te}

[*Draft of Lots*, 1753.]

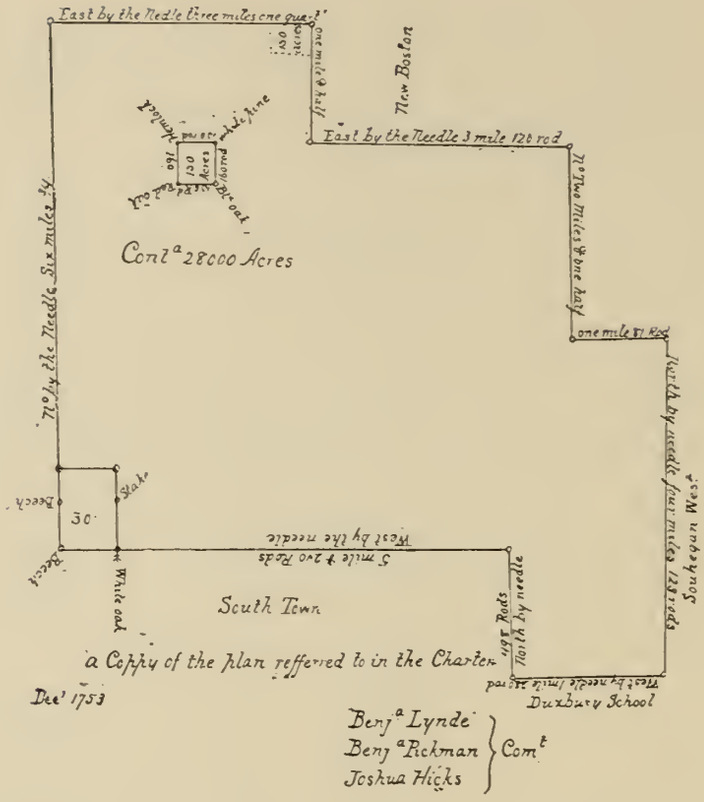
[Farmer's Mss. Town Papers, Vol. 4, p. 281.]

Schedule to be anexed to Charter made to Benjamin Lynde Esqr and others of Salem Canada now called Lyndeborough

Persons names.	N^{o} of Home Division Lotts	N^{o} of Second Division Lotts
Benjamin Lynde Esqr	27, 50, 23	44, 55, 83, 84, 98, 101, 65.
Benj^{a} Pickman, Esqr	9, 22, 44,	53, 66, 80, 83, 111,
Robert Hooper Esqr & Mr Swetts Heirs	2, 8, 37, 41, 43, 49	34, 36, 37, 92, 93, 48, 49, 108, 87, 94, 29, 103
Joseph Blaney Esqr	3, 6,	30, 41, 54,
Maj^{r} Joshua Hicks	28, 47,	52, 97, 102, 114
Benjamin Goodhew	20, 58, 61	48, 60, 64, 115, 124, 125,
Thomas Fletcher	18, 35,	56, 57, 82,
Samuel Wells Esq:	54, 57,	71, 75, 81
George Gould	24, 46,	69, 70, 74
Ephraim Ingalls	40, 59,	51, 112, 119, 123,
Daniel Epes Jr Esq:	51, 53,	40, 73, 104, 107,
Capt Joseph Richardson	19, 31,	63, 89, 116, 118
Josiah Bowers	1,	81
Joseph Bowditch Esq	4,	86, 95,
The Heirs of James Lindall Esqr	7,	77, 78,
Stephen Putnam		113, 122,
Jonathan Bowers	14,	47, 79,
John Bickford	16,	38, 42,
Moses Graves	38,	109, 110
Maj^{r} John Fowle	15,	45, 105,
Oliver Fletcher Esqr	39	72
Hanah Cabot	42	120, 121
Joseph Clough	45,	62, 96,
David Stimson	48	58, 59,
Daniel Nichols	52	68,
Robert Swan	55	
Jonathan Peele	60	35, 61,
Timothy Cum'ings	26	31, 32
William Holt	25	46, 76.
School Lott	32,	67, 126.
Ministry Lott	33	90, 91
First Ministers Lott	34.	126. 127.

The aforegoing List is the Schedule refferred to in the Annexed Charter.
Decr 5 : 1753.

Benj^{a} Lynde
Benj^{a} Pickman } Com^{tes}
Joshua Hicks.



[*Francis Borland to George Jaffrey*, 1755.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 102.]

Boston 31st Janry 1755

Sir Having the Opportunity of my good Friend Mr Ross I here inclose You Copy of the Plan of 400 Acres Land lay'd out by Mr Fletcher in lieu of the 400 I formerly Purchased of Sun qch I must Beg the favor of Yor Laying before ye Gentm Proprietors for their Acceptance, by the Vots of the Propriety Coll Blanchard was to have laid it out but as his Business would not Admit thereof, the Colo Employ'd Mr Fletcher qch I presume will be Agreeable to the Gentlemen Proprietors, to whom please make my Best Compliments I am with most Sincere Regards Dear Sir

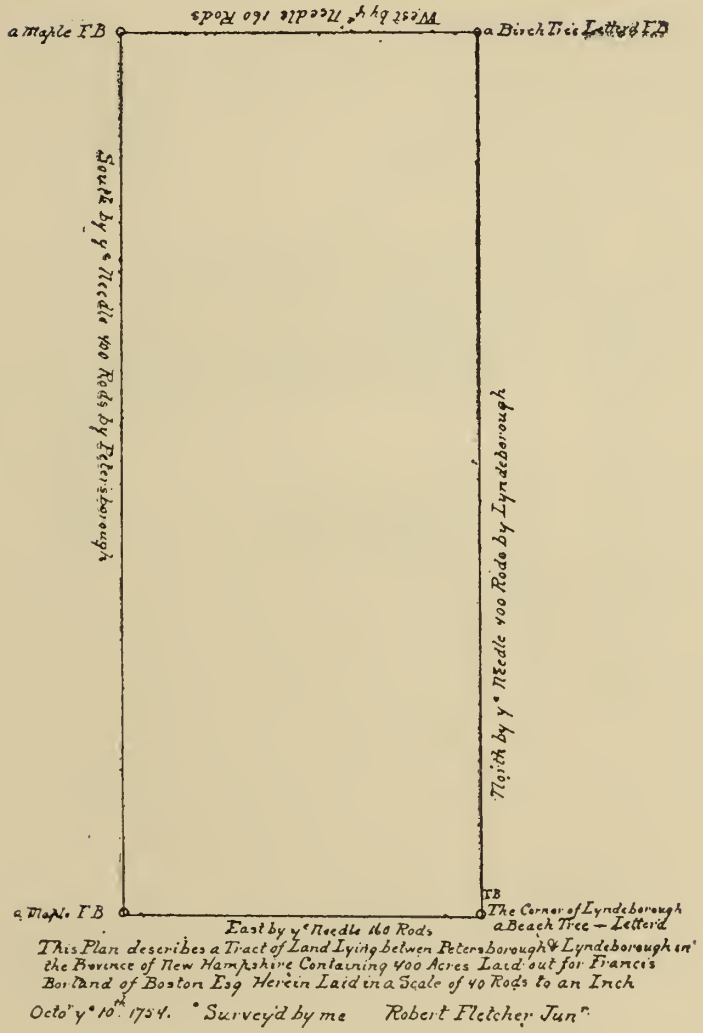
Your most Obedt Servt

Frans Borland

My compliments to yor worthy Family

To George Jaffrey Esqr

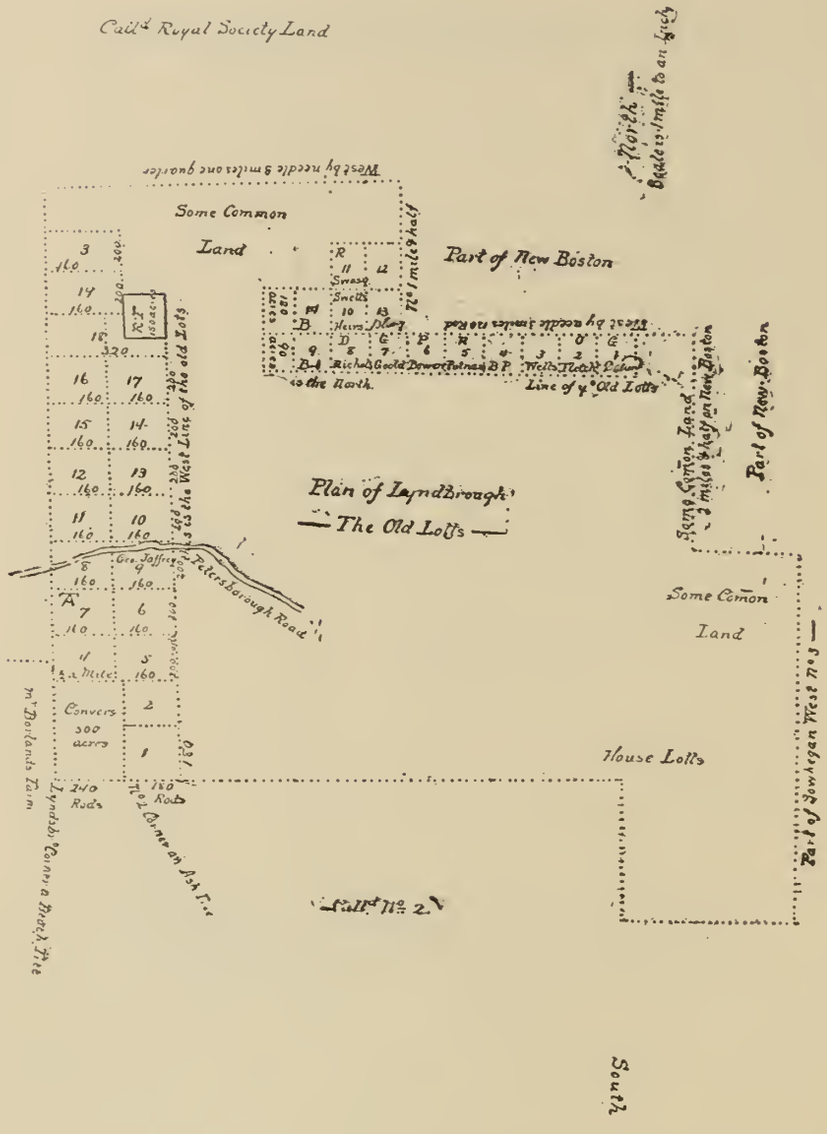
[*Plan of Borland's Farm*, 1754.]



This Plan describes a Tract of Land Lying betwen Peterborough & Lyndeborough in the Province of New Hampshire Containing 400 Acres Laid out for Francis Borland of Boston Esq Herein Laid in a Scale of 40 Rods to an Inch

Octo^r y^e 10th 1754. Surveyd by me Robert Fletcher Junr

[*Fletcher's Plan of Lyndeborough*, 1759.]



The Lotts on the West Line of the Town as Described in this plan and Numbered from (1.) to (19.) Contain 200 acres each—And the Lotts Described at the Northwardly Part & on New Boston Lines Numbred from (1.) to (14.) Contain 130. acres each, and the other Two Lots Not Numbred have the Quantity of acres they Contain affixed on them Respectively——

Well Bounded and Truly Described By

Octob^{r} ye 8th 1759— Robt Fletcher

[A copy of this plan is endorsed, "Wrong in Alm^{o} every part is almost a Mile Wider than it realy is."]

[*Reserved Lots in Lyndeborough*, 1760.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, July 7, 1760.]

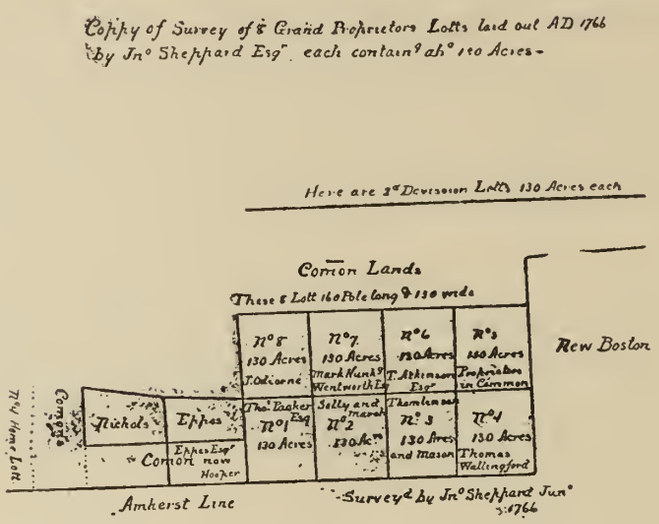
Whereas the Grantees of Lyndborough have return'd the Survey and Plan of a division of Part of the said Township made and signed by Robert Fletcher dated the 8th of October 1759 and desired the said Plan and Survey might be accepted and recorded which being approved——

Voted the same be accepted & entered upon the records of this Propriety and that the said lotts therein assigned for the Grantors be drawn for at this meeting which was accordingly done and the said lotts so drawn for are hereby voted to be the right and Property of the Person Respectively to whom drawn & entered, his heirs and assingns in Severalty forever——

The said Lotts were drawn in the following manner Vizt

1st	drawn N° 12	to Joshua Peirce Esqrs right
2	10	to Thomlinson & Mason
3	6	to Mark Hunking Wentworth Esqr
4	17	to Jotham Odiorne Esqrs Right
5th	16	to Samuel Solly & Clement March Esqrs
6	15	to Thomas Packer Esqr
7	4	to Mr Samuel Livermore
8	9	to George Jaffrey
9	2	to John Moffatt Esqr
10	18	to John Wentworth Esqrs right
11	7	to Theodore Atkinson Esqrs
12	19	to Richard Wibird Esqr
13	5	to Meserve Blanchard &c
14	3	to Mary Moore & Daniel Peirce Esqr
15	14	to Mr John Rindge
16	8	to William Parker Esqr
17	11	to Thomas Wallingford Esqr
18	1	to Joseph Blanchard Esqrs Right
19	13	to Benjamin Pratt Esqr

[*Shepard's Plan of Eight Proprietor's Lots*, 1766.]



[*Petition of John Quigley*, 1768.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 103.]

Province of New Hampshire } To y^e^ Prop^rs^ of Mason's Patent

Humbly Shews John Quigley of New Boston in the prov^e^ afores^d^ desires to inform your honours that he has been at vast expence and trouble in Regard to your hon^rs^ Interest in Mason's Patent afores^d^ & Whereas there is a thousand Acre in the Crotchet Mountain of Common and undivided Land and Also a Small Strip of common and undivided Land between Leinsborrough and Peterborrough and hopes your hon^rs^ Will take it into Consideration and grant him as many Acres as you'll think Will Satisfy the Annex'd acc^t^ for So doing y^r^ petti^r^ thinks himself in duty Bound &C

John Quigely

[*Deposition of Robert Fletcher*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 103.]

I Robt Fletcher aged ab° 42 y^rs^ Testify & say, That I was the Survey^r^ who wth Sam^ll^ Butterfield & others, laid out to ye Several Proprietrs who hold under Jn° Tufton Mason Esqr The Tract of Land, call^d^ The Society Land, or Reserv^d^ Lands, their perticul^r^ Lotts Anno 1753. That the Lott N° 8, wch fell to Col° Wallingsf^d^ on the East

End began at a Black Oake wch is the N° east Corner of N° 8— the Line runs South one mile on the head of New Boston Addition Line to an Hemlock Tree, which is the N° east Corn^{r} of Lyndebr° Addition, which was made by Order of Col° Blanchard A D: 1753, from thence it runs West Three Mile & 80 Rod, on Lyndeb° to a Black oak: Thence Turning at a right Angle & runs south one mile & 120 rod to a white Pine being the Extent of N° 8, southward & is in a direct Line East wth Peterbor° North Line—

I was also the Survey^{r} that by Order of Col° Blanchard made the Addition to Lyndebor° & planned the same, agreable to wch the Charter was drawn—and at the N° west Corner of the Town, ye Addition N° was made from the Southwest Corn^{r} of new Boston Addition, & was to run N° on that Head Line one mile & an half to a Hemloke Tree in the s^{d} head Line of New Boston Addition—& I Know it was intended y^{t} Lyndebor° Should Extend so far north; until it came to ye afores^{d} Hemlock; which is one mile South of the bl^{a} Oak at the N° East Corner of N° 8, and one mile & half North of ye S° West Corner of new Boston Addition—That sometime in the spring of the Year 1766, I Informed Mr Wm Dickey, one of the Purchasers of the Lott N° 8, of the bounds as abovemention'd; who told me, that he s^{d} Dickey & others were about Purchasing the s^{d} Lot N° 8, & that he came to me to Enquire ab° the Bounds

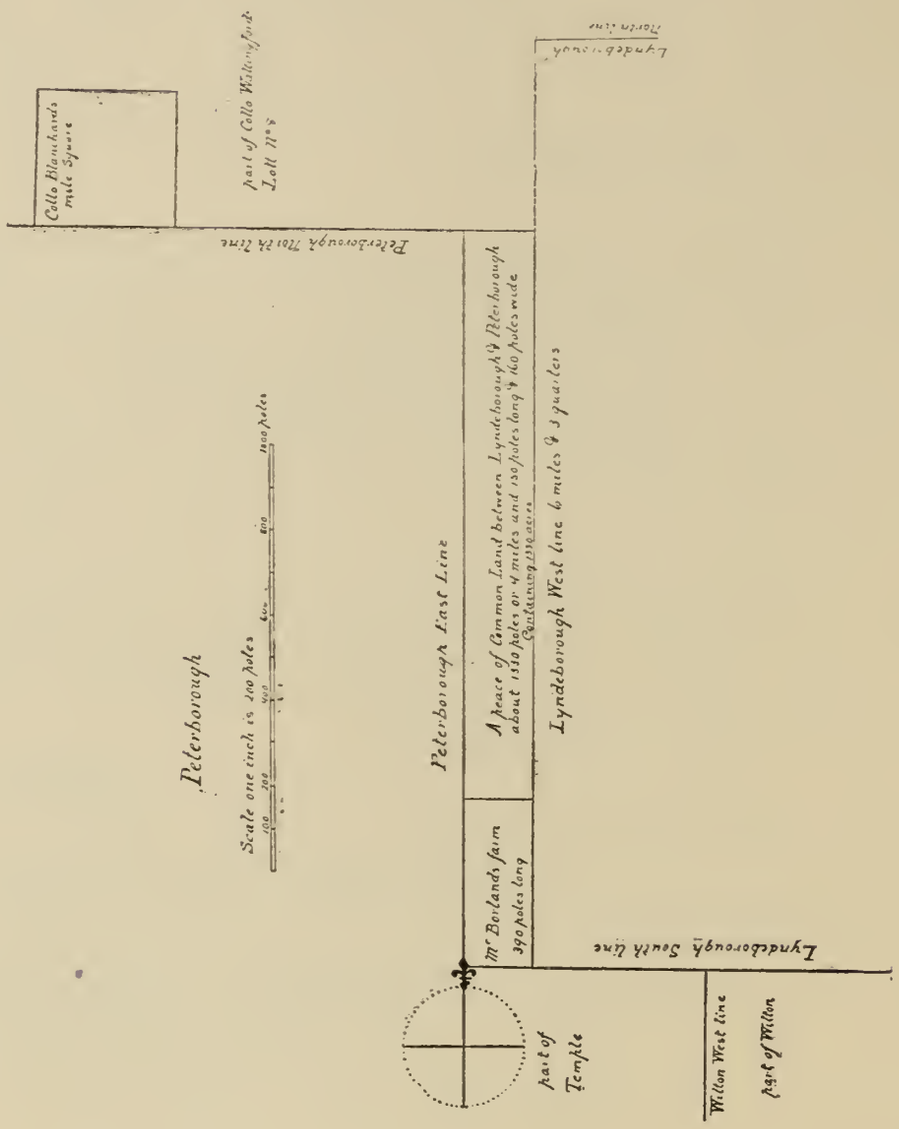
Robt Fletcher

Essex ss } Salem 9 feb^{ry} 1770—

Then the abovenam^{d} Robt Fletcher made Oath to the Truth of the above Deposition by him subscribed—and the same is taken to ly, in Perpetuam Rei Memoriam

Jurat Coram And^{w} Oliver } Justi^{cies} Pac^{s}
Wm Browne } Quorum Unus.

[*Carleton's Plan of Land Between Peterborough and Lyndeborough*, 1771.]



Honoured Sir

I am informed that my accompt was laid before the Proprieters of the Strip of land between Lyndeborough and Peterborough and that it was Objected against because I Sent no plan I was not desired to Send any plan but only to Send what the Strip Contained but Since they desire a plan I have Sent one on this paper which if you examin the plans of Peterborough Lyndeborough Temple and Collo Wallingfords lott and Mr Borlands farm you will find very exact but I find Collo Wallingfords lott extends farther South on Lyndeborough West line then I knew of before So that the Strip does not contain So much as I returned before I expected Collo Wallingfords South line

extend no farther South than Lyndeborough North line but I have Seen a Coppy of his Deed to the Derry men and have had opertunity to converse with Mr Robt Fletcher and find that it extends 440 rods South of Lyndeborough North West Corner as you may See by this plan the South end of it what I Saw of it is very broken and mountainous the north end flat pitch pine plain the middle is what may be called very good land I Suppose it to be half if not more good land and the rest very poor I hope this plan and description will give the Proprieters Satisfaction So that they will find it in their way to pay my accompt—I am Sir

Your Most Humble Servant

Lyndeborough April ye 8th 1771 Osgood Carleton

[*Petition of Robert Fletcher*, 1772.]

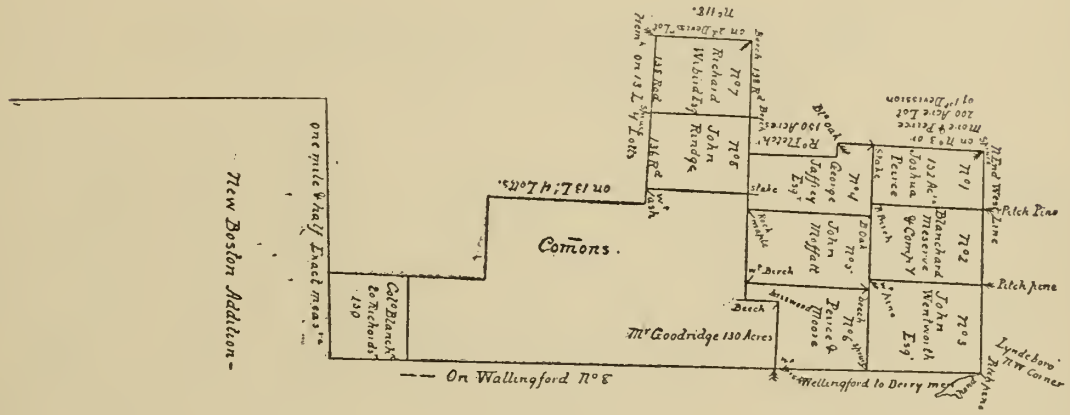
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 104.]

To the Honourable the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tuffton Mason Esqr in the Province of New Hampshire The Humble Petition of Robert Fletcher of Dunstable in said Province Shews, That there is a Tract of Land which Remains ungranted between the west line of Lyndesborough, the east Line of Peterborough the North Line of Temple, and the South line of the Society land so Called, Containing about Two thousand acres, Chiefly mountains, & Lands incapable of improvement and Rejected by the proprietors of the Towns before mentioned on that Account, that your Petitioner has found a small Tract within the bounds aforesaid which he apprehends might do for a Settlement, provided he Could have the other part, which in some future time might answer for Grazing &c. Wherefore he humbly prays your honours wonld make him a grant of the whole of said Tract, on such Conditions & under such Limitations as you in your wisdom shall think proper and he as in Duty bound will Ever pray——

Portsm^{o} Octob^{r} 3rd 1772.—— Robt Fletcher

[*Plan of Reserved Lots*, 1772.]

[*Carleton's Plan of Eight Proprietors' Lots*, 1773.]



[*Benjamin Lynde to Proprietors*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 105.]

Salem May 28th 1773

Honble Sir With this you will have a New Survey & laying out of Eight Grand Proprietors Lotts by Mr Osgood Carleton April 1773 at the N° west of Lyndeborough; these with 8 before laid out on Amherst Line & near the Home Lotts by Jn° Sheppard Esqr; make 16 only, the Number directed, without any for the 3 Lawyers—These being at the N W Corner & beyond the mountains, are 150 to 160 acres, as the other are near the Inhabitants—

The Lotts laid out by Mr Sheppard are lost by the Enchoachment of the 17 Derry men who bought of Col° Wallingsford, who claim half a mile further South than the bounds in his Deed gives them; & take half a mile which our Charter gives us in plain words—

You have also the reform of the Survey of the 19 Grand Lotts laid out by m^r^ Fletcher 1759 which was Erroneous in not making allowance for the variation of the Compass from the 1st running 1736—whereby the Northern Lotts were above 100 Rod short thro the wedth—This now is rectified, and the bounds at the Corner of each Lot ascertain'd on the Plan, without which it was imposible for any grand Proprietor to have found his certain Lot—This has been attended with a great deal of Charge to us, but absolutely Necessary, & best to be setled right, before Improvements came to be made

I Wish, Sir, that the Proprietors, with you, would Draw for the 16

Lotts, that they may Know how to sell (if they Incline to it) & Accomodate such as come to setle—

I am Sir with great respect

Your most Obed^{t} Hum^{b} Servant

Honble Geo: Jaffry Esqr Benj^{a} Lynde

[*Benjamin Lynde to Proprietors*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 106.]

Salem 28 July 1773—

Honble Sir/ Your Favours of the 23^{d}, I received last night; I find it goes intirely on a Mistake—*as thô* the Masonian Proprietors had not the Quantity of Land reserved for them in their Charter—That was 6066 Acres—Anno 1759 there was laid out for them, Nineteen l^{a} Lotts each of 200 Acres, Makes 3800 Acres, these they Drew for in July 1760—in 1766 there was laid out by Jno Sheppard Junr Eight Lotts on Amherst Line each containing 130 Acres, is 1040 Acres more—These being nearer Amherst & Supposed better, were not so large as those at a Distance—In 1768 Mr Sheppard laid out the 8 Lotts in the Addition made to Lyndeborough, wch being at a greater distance, were Larger, viz 150 to 160 Acres The 17 Derry men, by vertue of their Purchase from Wallingsford whose Deed gives them only one mile on New Boston, made an Encroachment of half a mile further (thô they were told by R^{o} Fletcher Esqr to whom they Applyed, before they bought, how far Wallingford came South & that he had only one mile on the Head of new Boston—this broke up the Allotment of Esqr Sheppards, put us to a much greater Charge for Examining & to Measure Wallingford great Lott, with fixing it by his Deed & other Evidence This cost us £15 or £16 L M—& now Carleton laying out in 1773 ab^{o} all this has been the Charge of the Grantees—and tho they have some Hundred of Acres taken from them; Yet the Grand Proprietors have the whole of their reservation & 10 or 12 acres more—

These Eight Lotts are Generally the best Land, thô further distant—

What I Proposed was the drawing for the 8 Lotts laid out 1766 of 130 Ac^{rs} Each, with the 8 Lotts laid out by Carlton 1773 of 150 or 160 Ac: each—

If I omitted the Plan of the 8 Lotts laid out 1766, when I sent the other 8 Lotts of Carleton it was a mistake & is sent now

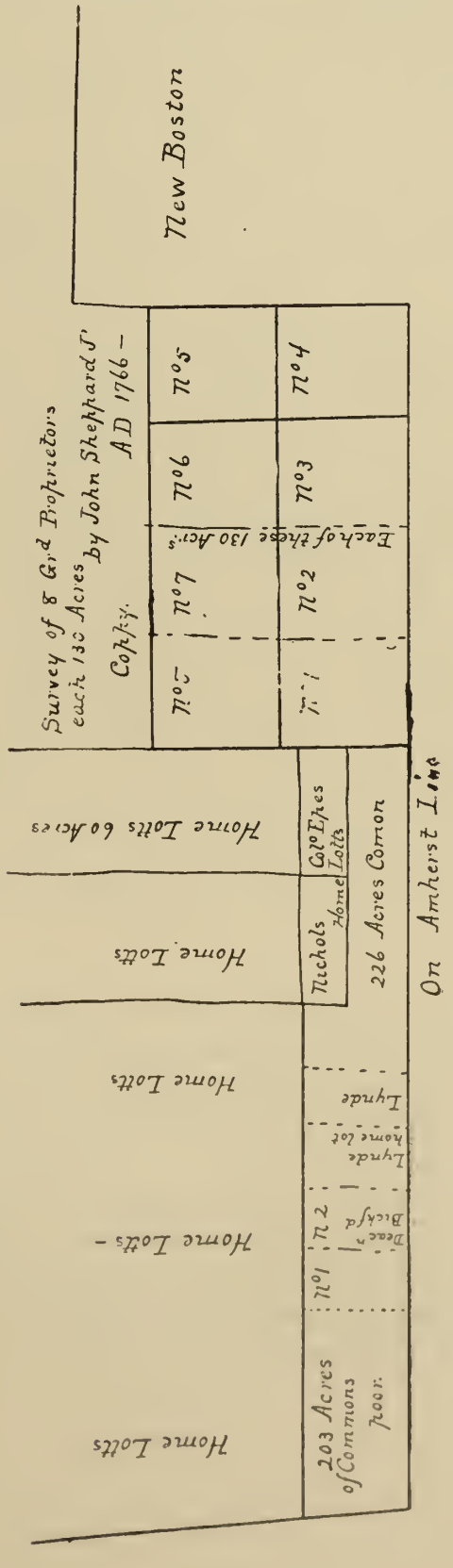
I also transmit you Mr Fletchers Deposition, taken *in perpetuam* &c to shew the Gr^{d} Proprietors the Unreasonableness, of the Derry mens Encroachments—

Should the land between Peterbor° & Lyndebor° be offered for sale, tho its cheifly mountainous & Hilly, I should be glad to have the refusal of it & would make as good pay as any—I am with my best Regards to the Proprietors

Sir Your & their most Obed^{t} Hum^{bl} Servt

Benj^{a} Lynde

[*Shepard's Plan*, 1766.]



[*Benjamin Lynde to Proprietors*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 107.]

Salem Septr 2, 1773

Honble Sir I am favoured with yours of the 18th of Augst, in Answer to which let me Assure you—(That as I take it) There will none of those Lots laid out by Carleton, be Infringed on by the Derry mens Incroachments;—I have Two shares in the 16 Lots now to be drawn, my own Interest therefore would have ledd me to take care that those Lots, should be clear from Incroachments—

I am sorry to find That *Frances Town* Laps on Lyndebor^{o} I suppose the Charter of Incorporation, is the same with the Proprietors Charter from Col^{o} Blanchard 1753. which makes Lyndeborough to run from the S W Corner of new Boston Addition one Mile & an half on the head line of s^{d} Addition this leaves for Wallingford N° 8—one Mile to the red oak which is the N E Corner of his Lott as its Odiornes S E Corner bound—Yet these Irish, thô Col^{o} Wallingford Deed to them, is only one Mile from s^{d} Red Oak South, they have stretcht it to one mile & half large Measure

Mr Peirce's Illness may prevent his Attending when you draw your Lotts. I should therefore be Obliged to you, if you would Please to draw for my Two Rights bought of Col^{o} Blanchard vizt 1 that was Meservy, Green & his, & 1 he had as Agent of the Gr^{d} Proprietors.

With regard to the Strip between Lyndebor^{o} & Peterbor^{o} I Know verry litle about it—I am told towards the South a great part of it is Rocky & Mountainous—other parts may be tolerable; but it's only because it is Adjoyning to Lyndebor^{o} that I would buy it, if it was Sold a penny worth—I should be glad to hear what the Quantity is, & what it will Fetch in Cash—

I am, Sir, with respects to the Comp^{a}

Your & their most hum^{bl} Servant

Benj^{a} Lynde

Septr 5 : 1773

S^{r}/ Since finishing the other side, Mr Dav^{d} Chandler has been with me, & tells me, Esqr Sheppard has Measured the Strip of the Proprietors Land by Duxbury School Farm & its measure is Six hundred & od Acres, makes but 42 or 43 Acres to $\frac{1}{15}$—Yet Mr Peirce about 10 years agoe writes me, That Col^{o} Blanchard, (as he Understood by his son) was to have 8 miles of that Strip on the South part, the remaind^{r} Supposed to be 1 mile & half was devided & Lotted out & made 53 Acre to $\frac{1}{15}$—at which rate I bought & paid for Col^{o} Marchs part—his Letter Mr Chandler has for your perusal

I am s^{r} Your most Obed^{t} Servt B Lynde

[*Benjamin Lynde to Proprietors*, 1774.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 108.]

Danvers 25th April 1774

Honble Sir Your Favours of 24 Decembr past, I received: and was in hopes 'ere this to have heard, you had drawn for the Lotts laid out to the grand Proprietors—I Should have been glad also, to have had Capt Fletchers Original Testimony, returned Recorded, with what I am Indebted for it, as I suppose you have a Register Chosen—

I am told you have lately Advertised Two ps of Land Adjoining on Lyndeborô; & that one is the Supposed Gore between that Town & the Derry men— I should have been verry Glad to have known its description & Contents; one of your Newes Papers might sufficiently do that If you could send me one, unless they are not so perticular as your book—

We have Spent Several hundred Pounds, on Ascertaining the Addition made to Salem Canada, by Colo Blanchard & Fletcher:

I have my Self taken more pains about it, than I would again for £20: lawful Mony—

In my Letter of 10th Novr I mentioned to you an Affair of Mr Qigliy viz his Demand for paying Wittnesses on a Trespass, on Mr Hancock & my Society Lott No 2—Which as I Knew nothing of, I Supposed was a Genrl Charge—but Promised to write you, & have your advise thereon; which should be much Obliged to you for

I am Sir Your most Obedt Humbl Servant

Benja Lynde

P S: If you would be so good, as to write me how much, a Grand Proprietors Right in Gilman Town was,—& the Number, & in what part of the Town, Mr Solly & March Share fell, it would much Oblige

Your most humble Servt

B Lynde

[*James Underwood to John Penhallow*, 1774.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 109.]

Litchfield June 9th 1774

Mr Penhallow Sir/

After Expressions of my Compliments to you these are to Inform yon that I have had oppertunity to Dispose of a lot of Land ajoining to the strip of Land I once Wanted to purches from Masons Propriety therefore do Decline from having any more to do with said

strip only to pray a Division of the Strip Immediately as I am Determined to make the Best of it I can, if I shou'd have a good Devide I may perhaps Git the money it cost if not I may Loose by Purchasing be so kind Sir as to Communicate these Lines to the Rest of your Committee & if Agreeable Let me have a line when you will Attend on a Division you will remember that I have two 15th parts vizt Col^{o} Atkinson & Col^{o} Meserves I am sir (in hast) with due regard your most Obed^{t} & very Hum^{l} Ser^{t}

James Underwood

Mr John Penhollow

[*Agreement to Purchase Land*, 1774.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 110.]

Portsm^{o} June 15th 1774 Joshua Holt & Jno Abbot 4th both of Andover in ye Prov: of Mass^{a} Agree to purchase of the Prop^{rs} the Strip of land between Peterborough & Lyndsborough and to pay four shillings ℔ Acre for the Same part of ye Sum on having ye Grant ye Remaind^{r} in September next to pay Interest till paid—and they will be in this Town by a month from this date to receive ye Grant &^{c}

Joshua Holt
John Abbot 4th

[*Proprietors to John Shepard*, 1774.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 110.]

Jno Sheppard Esqr

The Proprietors of the lands purchased of Jno Tufton Mason Esqr are about making a Conveyance of a Strip of land to Messrs Holt Abbot &c^{a}—and to be conveyed by ye Acre—we had a plan thereof made by Osgood Carlton for ascertaining ye Quantity of Said Tract ye certainty of which Those person's are in Some doubt and are desirous of having ye Same Surveyed again, and we are consenting, having reason to think that Tract of land contain's more Acres than Mentioned in Osgoods plan—as the Prop^{rs} have great Confidence in your Integrity & Skill have requested your favour to undertake ye Survey and return a plan of the Same to us That is that you will as Soon as you can conveniently, make a Survey of the Said Strip to begin at the Northwest Corner of Borlands farm so called, and run by the northerly line thereof to the west line of Lyndsborough and on the Said line to the South line of the Society land so called then by that line till it meet's

the Northeasterly Corner of Peterborough then by that line to the bounds began at — the Course of the westerly Side line of Lyndsborough & easterly Side line of Peterborough are north by ye Needle granted in the year 1753 — or thereabouts — It is desired you will be as exact as you can in ye admeasurement—and contents of the land — for your assistance we enclose you Carlton's Plan of the strip and ye Plan of Borlands farm by which you will See the form and contents, which you'l see if it contain's no more than 400 Acres — The persons who apply to you for making the Survey will pay you for the Same & Plan—which Send to us under your Cover— in behalf of Prop^rs^

Portsm^o^ July 16 1774 G J. P Cle

Portsm^o^ July 15th 1774 Then Agreed with Mason's Proprietors, that as we requested a survey of ye Strip of land between Lyndsborough & Peterborough, which is to be taken by Jno Sheppard Esqr— that we will pay ye Cost and Charge of ye Survey & Plan—

Joshua Holt
John Abbott 4th

[*Shepard's Plan of Land between Peterborough and Lyndeborough*, 1774.]

Amherst Octr 3^d^ 1774

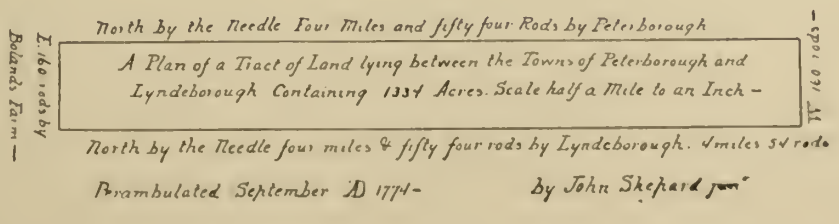
Sir ——

I have rec: d Yours of the 16th of July last wherein you mentioned the Strip of Land lying between Lyndeborough & Peterborough and desired me to Measure it at the Expence of the persons that were about to Purchase the same; accordingly I measured said Tract, employ'd two men of a fair Character to carry the Chain, men that had no connection with the present Purchasers, who rendered an Account to me of the Distance as Represented by this Plan

I am Sir with due Respect Your Humb^l^ Ser^t^

John Shepard jun^r^ ——

To the Hon^le^ Geo: Jaffrey Esq



[*James Underwood to John Peirce*, 1774.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 111.]

Litchfield Oct^{or} 19th 1774

Sir

I take this oppertunty to Inform you, that those persons who have Bought, the half mile Strip, of Land between Peterborough & Lyndborough, have been Runing the line, Between Lynd^{h} & s^{d} Strip, and have gon on the former line of Lynd^{h}, I Expect in order to Git a grant agreeable thereto, the Lots Laid out to your proprietors, was laid out Differing 4 Degrees from the s^{d} former line which in Runing, 13 hundred rods, Taks off from some lots more then 80 acres, it hurts your lot, more then what, you will Git for a full Shair, in s^{d} Strip, and Col^{o} Packers Lot more, then yours, and others also —— Altho I own two fifteenths of said Strip, I sho'd be ungreatful, to let you or the proprietors, be Imposed on, without Giveing you, Information, though, in this I might be a great Gainer, I Exspect, you will be wise Enough, not to sell any that was formerly lotted out, be so kind as to let Mr Jeffrey know of this letter—I am sir with Due Regard your most Obe^{t} & very Hum^{e} Se^{t} James Underwood

N B if you see Esqr Holland Esqr Shepard or Mr Hale they will Inform you more fully then my hurt will permit me to write at this time—

[*Sale of Land to Holt and Abbott*, 1774.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Nov. 2, 1774.]

Province of New Hampshire — Rockingham Ss } Portsmouth November 2^{d} 1774, Wednesday three of the Clock Afternoon, at the Dwelling House of James Stoodly Esqr Inholder, the Proprietors met according to Adjournment.

Voted that for and in Consideration of the sum of two hundred thirty one Pounds, five shillings lawfull Money of said Province to us in hand, before the making this Grant, paid by Joshua Holt Gentleman, John Abbot the fourth, Yeoman, & William Blunt Cooper, all of Andover in the County of Essex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay, and Abiel Abbot of Wilton in the County of Hillsborough & Province of New Hampshire Gentleman, there be and hereby is given and granted unto the said Joshua Holt, John Abbot, William Blunt and Abiel Abbot, their Heirs and Assigns forever, all our Right and Property of, in and to a certain tract of Land containing thirteen hundred & thirty four acres, more or less situate in the County of

Hillsborough, and Province of New Hampshire, within the Claim of Mason's Patent, (except the right of the Honble Theodore Atkinson Esqr and the Right of Nathaniel Meserve Esqr and others, which two Rights are already sold the which said thirteen hundred and thirty four acres, of Land including said two Rights already sold is bounded as follows vizt begining at the northwest Corner of Borland's Farm, (so called) and runs by the Northerly line thereof to the west Line of Lyndsborough, and on the said Line of Lyndsborough to the south Line of the Society Land so called, then by that Line till it meets the North easterly Corner of Peterborough, then by that Line to the Bounds, began at the tract of Land hereby granted, (except as before excepted) is a strip of Land lying between Lyndsborough and Peterborough, as by the Plan taken by John Shepard Junr Esqr returned in the Clerk's Office of the Grantors will at large appear, To Have & to Hold, the said granted Premises, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereof, (except as before excepted) to them the said Joshua Holt, John Abbot the fourth, William Blunt, and Abiel Abbot, their Heirs and Assigns to their only proper use and Benefit forever, And that said Proprietors their Heirs and Successors shall and will Warrant and defend the same granted Premises, to them the said Joshua Holt, John Abbot the fourth, William Blunt, and Abiel Abbot their Heirs and Assigns forever, against any Person, who may or shall claim the same Premises, from, by or under the said Proprietors, their Heirs or Successors, And that in case the said Joshua Holt, John Abbot the fourth, William Blunt, and Abiel Abbot their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall at any Time hereafter be evicted and ousted, of the same Premises, or any Part thereof, by legal Process, the said Proprietors for themselves their Heirs and Successors, covenant and engage, to repay the said Joshua Holt, John Abbot the fourth, William Blunt and Abiel Abbot their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, the Consideration Sum herein before exprest, or in Proportion to such part of the Premises, as they or any of them may be ousted of in Manner aforesaid, with lawfull Interest for the same untill paid, which said Sum and Interest shall be in full Satisfaction of all Damage the said Joshua Holt, John Abbot, William Blunt, and Abiel Abbot their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators may sustain by the loss of said Land or any Part thereof as aforesaid ——

[*Vote in Regard to Land Sold Holt and Abbott*, 1775.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Feb. 22, 1775.]

Whereas the Proprietors on the Second day of November 1774 granted and Sold unto Joshua Holt John Abbot & others, a tract of land Situate in the County of Hillsborough, and Province of New Hampshire, within the Claim of Mason's Patent, containing Thirteen hundred and thirty four Acres, more or less, excepting the Right of the Honble Theodore Atkinson Esqr and the right which was owned by Nath^{ll} Meserve Joseph Blanchard and Joseph Green deceased, and Paul March, which two rights were not included in Said Grant & Sale to Joshua Holt John Abbot & others, but were Sold or disposed of by the Said owners, before the grant & Sale to Said Holt Abbot & others on the second day of November 1774 at a Meeting of the Proprietors; and as the said Rights or two fifteenths of Said Tract of land were not included in the Said Grant and Sale thereof—Therefore Voted that the Sum of two hundred thirty one pounds, five shillings lawfull Money paid by Said Holt Abbott & others, be divided to and Amongst the other thirteen Proprietors, to be paid to them, or for their Accounts of Expences of the Propriety—

[*Benjamin Lynde to Proprietors*, 1775.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 112.]

Ipswitch Hamlet 7 Decem^{br} 1775

Honble Sir It is now Several Months, since I have been favored with anything from you, perhaps the Difficulty of the Times, has Occasioned it,

The Damage of having our Com'ons. ly open, to all Tresspassers; as well as good Setlers, Stopped from coming into the Town, Obliges me to Ask the Trouble, of your Urging the Proprietors to Pass on & Accept Mr Carltons Plan of 1773—& Then Draw for the several Lotts That we may Know our own; & Devide the smal Remains of Com'ons—Had Mr Rob Fletcher laid the grand Lots, out right 1759, with the boundary mark at the Corner of each Lot—all this Charge & delay would have been prevented—Mr Sheppard was sensible of this 9 or 10 years agoe—And you will readily find Fletchers Errors by looking into his Plan of the Grand Proprietors Lots, returned to you 1759: in that he makes J Wentworth Mr Wybird & Peirces N° 3 Two hundred Acre Lotts, to be 275 Poles long from his Farm to the West Line, Whereas Esqr Sheppard in 1768, finds on Exact Measure,

but 153 Poles from Fletchers Farm, (he had of Col° Blanchard) to our West Line

This with the 3 other Argument hinted at in mine of Decem^r 1773 & feb^ry 1774, must fully Satifie every unprejudiced Person, that our West Line, is as far as We Carry it

I must beg the favor of an answer & with great Respect am—Sr Your most Obed^t Servt

Hon G: Jaffrey Esqr Benj^a Lynde

[*Benjamin Lynde to Proprietors*, 1775.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 113.]

Ipswitch Hamlet 27th Decr 1775

Honble Sir Your Favors of the 11 Instant I received: As I have had considerable Leisure, I have carefully look't over my Papers, relative to Lyndebor°, &c & am pretty well sure, no Letters of yours, came to my hand of a later Date than 16 feb^ry 75 nor do I find I had wrote you after s^d February —

Times have been such, as that no private Buisness could be followed. But now it becomes necessary; or our Wood & timber will be all Stolen from us

In the Letter I wrote first about the Lands between Lyndebor° & Peterbor°—I then Acquainted your Propriety, that it would be better for us, to pay the Loss, than be at the Charge, of new laying out & Marking the Lotts—I have more than ⅓ of our Com'ons, & I now say the same—This is the mind of all of us: As we have laid out the Lotts, we were to gett done; The smal remains of our Com'ons we must devide, & not let it lay longer—If we have Intrench'd on the Gr^d Proprietors Interest (wch I am sure is not so) We will Submit it, to Three Persons to Judge, how much we have Encroach'd; and pay for as much, as we have over—S^r althô I might write you, that Mr Holt, had told me, they had bought from Mr Borlands Farm, 1300 Acres as far as to N End of Lyndebor° yet I suppose that was a Mistake, as Peterb° goes nor so far north as Lyndebor° by more than 200 rods—on the W^st Line—If so, they leave a peice of poor pine Land of your 1000 Acres reserved in Wallingsford Lot N° 8—

I beg you would Ask Dr Rogers, or some that Transacted the Affair; and please to write me how far North the Strip runs? how Wide it is at the North End? and as near as they can, the Quantity of the Tract Sold?

I send you a Coppy of one Attested by you; of Capt R° Fletcher return of ye 200 Ac^rs Lotts laid out 1759—by wch youl find the 3

Lotts lying west from his Lott, measured 275 rods; whereas we desire only 260 rods from his Lott to our West Line

I am with great respect

Sr Your most Obed^t^ Servant

Benj^a^ Lynde

[*Second Division of Reserved Lots*, 1779.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Jan. 5, 1779.]

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth January 5th 1779 Tuesday three of the Clock afternoon, at the House of m^r^ John Penhallow improved by him as a Store The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas the Grantees of Lyndsborough by their Clerk Benjamin Lynde Esqr have returned to the Proprietors the Grantors two Surveys and Plans containing eight Lotts in each Plan, intended as another division of the Grantors Reservation in the Township of Lyndsborough, and desired that the Grantors would make a Draft and Severance of the Same—The Proprietors consent and agree to draw the Lotts in each Plan at this present Meeting vizt eight of Said Lotts numbered one to eight containing about one hundred thirty Acres of land, as Surveyed and delineated on the Plan returned by John Sheppard jun^r^ Esqr in the year 1766, Said Lotts bounding on Amherst line, on New Boston and common Land in Lyndsborough. The other eight Lotts numbered one to eight containing one hundred & fifty or more Acres, each lott, bounding on the West line of Lyndsborough, on the late Col. Walingford's great Lot numbered eight in the Society land so called, common land in Lyndsborough, on Second division Lot N° 118, on Robert Fletchers 150 Acres, and on Peirce and Moor's Lot N° 3 of first division of Reservation, or as the Same Lotts were surveyed and delineated on a Plan returned by Osgood Carlton Surveyor April 24th 1773.—Notwithstanding the unequal Quantity of the Lotts in the Plans returned as aforesaid, and there may be also a difference in Quality of the Soil of the land represented in the Said Plans; However to make a further Severance of the land reserved in Lyndsborough, it is agreed & resolved to take the Chance of a Draft of the Lotts as they are represented in Said Plans—Therefore Voted that the Lotts be now drawn for to each Proprietors Right or Share, as they are represented in Said Plans—and that either of the Lotts so drawn to any of the Proprietors Right or share, shall be entered to their respective names, and Such lot so entered Shall be a Severance of the Same, to have and to hold to

each Right or Share of Said Proprietors their Heirs and Assigns, in Severalty, and the Sixteenth Lott not drawn to any Proprietors Right, be reserved for the Proprietors use in Common, and shall be disposed of to defrey the Expences of the Propriety, as they shall order——

The Draft of the Second Division of the Proprietors Reservation in Lyndsborough, pursuant to the foregoing Vote, and agreeable to the Lotts represented in the Plans above mentioned—vizt

The Lotts in Jno Sheppards Plan q^{t} 30 Acres

1st To Mark H Wentworth Esqr Lot . . .	N° 7
2^{d} To Thomlinson & Mason	3
8th To Joth^{m} Odiorne Esq^{rs} Right . . .	8
9th To Theodore Atkinson Esqr	6
10 To Solly & March	2
11 To Thos Walingford Esq^{rs} Right . . .	4
15 To Thos Packer Esq^{rs} Right	1
16 To Proprietors in Common	5

The Lotts in Osgood Carltons Plan q^{t} 150 Acres

3^{d} To Blanchard Meserve & Co Lot . . .	N° 2
4th To John Rindge	8
5th To George Jaffrey	4
6th To Peirce & Moore	6
7th To Joshua Peirce Esq^{rs} Right . . .	1
12th To John Moffatt Esqr	5
13 To Jno Wentworth Esq^{rs} Right . . .	3
14 To Richard Wibird Esq^{rs} Right . . .	7

[*Benjamin Lynde to Proprietors*, 1779.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 114.]

Salem 30 Jan^{ry} 1779

Honble Sir I have the Pleasure of yours of the 5th Ins^{t} Acquainting me, that, The Gr^{d} Proprietors have drawn their 2^{d} devission Rights in Lyndbor^{o}—but you have wholly Mistaken the Two rights I claim—

The one, of which was Col^{o} Blanchard for setling the Interest & Agreing with the Agents, of the Massachus^{ts} the other was what I bought of his, from the Right of Meservy Green & Blanchards, & Blanchard, on A Devision had the share in Lyndbor^{o} so that there should have been 16, Shares with that Given to Col^{o} Blanchard for

setling—I had no part of Soly & March's share; that as Col° March told me, was his Cousin Woodbridges, as the 200 Acres N° 16—

I can say nothing of your 200 Acre formerly, or your Draft now;

I Wonder none of the Proprietors should Remember that Col° Blanchard Assigns were to have a right as agent—

My Letter of 1^{t} Septr 1773 mention your Drawing for my Two Rights I bought of Col° Blanchard, viz one as Agent for the Proprietors & the other for Meservy Green & Blanchard

I blieve the 16th Lott or N° 5 in Sheppard Plan, is where the Land is poor, & none Would Chuse it—I should not like it for one of Blanchards—Unless its by a new Lott—

I should be Glad to Know, Wether Your State in the Tax Act for Selling non Resident Lands, gave a Liberty of Redeeming Lands, with paying Double Interest & Costs—a Privilidge granted in the Massach^{t} State—Should it be otherwise I dont see, but that for a trifling Tax, a Man may be Divested of his Land, by the Vendors Cutting & Carrying off the Timber & Wood, worth more than ye Land it self

I am with Respects Hon Sir

Your most obedient

Benj^{a} Lynde

[*Benjamin Lynde to Proprietors*, 1779.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 115.]

Salem 30 April 1779

Honble Sir Yours of the 26 of Feb^{ry} after laying at the Tavern at last Came to Hand—It fills me with great Surprize—That after a fair Purchase of Col° Blanchard heirs on 6th Apr^{l} 1759 Recorded with you—I should meet with such Loss—

I was present at your Meeting on ye 7th July 1760—& then Drew for Col° Blanchard N° 1 & 5 Two Lotts & then Mentioned that We had Given him one hundred pounds, Cash & 500 Acres of Land out of the Setlers part, for good terms—and when I Wrote Mr Peirce deceas^{d} he Writes, Col° Blanchard agreed to have a Right thrô out in Every Town, he as Agent for the Masonian Propriety Setled with the Massachuset Men—nor was there at the meeting any the least Objection to his 2 Rights—The Hon^{b} Col° Atkinson, The Hon^{l} Mr Wentworth, Mr Peirce & Your Self, as I perfectly Remember were at s^{d} Meeting—

The Proposal of Omitting the Law Lotts, was from my Self to M^{r}

D Peirce, supposing that 3 Gentl[m] had each of them 200 Acr[s] in the 1st Devission, they might be Contented with it, as they never did any thing for that Town—& he writes me, you, were all of that Opinion—

I cant but think it verry Hard, that when I Ask't your drawing my 2 Lotts & perticulerly Mention who I had them of in my Letter Sep[t] 1773 "That you would Draw my Two Rights bought of Col[o] "Blanchard, viz one as he was Agent for the Proprietors—& the "other for his, Meservy & Green's right—

So also when there was some Dificulty ab[o] the Location, I then Wrote you as Clerk, that a[s] I had 2 Rights in the 16 Lotts, it was my high Concrn—& then also Mention for whom

Also in my Letter to the Hon M[r] Peirce in the fall of 1769 I Write, who my Rights were from—one fr[o] Col[o] Blanchard as agent, & one more from him, Meservy &c—sometime after Dec[r] 1761, he had Mention'd my proposal to the Propt[rs] & they all agreed to it—

M[r] Peirce in Answer to a Letter I wrote of the 26 Oct[o] 1761, Writes me, that at a Meeting, the Proprietors were full with me in Sentiment, That the Two hundred acres Already Allotted to the Three Gent[m] of the Law, was Sufficient

In the same Letter he writes, that the Power to Dispose of Lands in Lyndbor[o] was Discretionary in Col[o] Blanchard—and goes on in that Strain—Then Says, *We Imagine That the Lands He disposed of, "was as much out of the Proprietors Reach, as if they had Conveyed it, "themselves—!*

This was the Apprehension then—& now to be Disputed: can be neither *Just* or *fair*, with a Legl or Honest Purchaser, who ought not to be Thrust out of his Right in such a Manner It is verry hard that when by my proposal, Each one, is So Advanc'd in their Interest, I only must be the Sufferer—

Surely my Letter of y[e] 14th Octob[r] 1778 where I Wrote "My *Interest of* $\frac{2}{15}$ [th] in the Gr[d] Proprietors Lotts, I do not like to *ly so*:—might have remembred you, Sir, of it—But if Finally, I can have nothing for it, I must seek my Remedy where I may have it, thô with great Loss—I am Sir

Your most Hum[bl] Servant

Benj[a] Lynde

[*Grant of Lot to Joseph Blanchard*, 1779.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, June 23, 1779.]

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth June 23[d] 1779 Wednesday three of the Clock afternoon, at the House improved by

m^r John Penhallow as a Store, the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

The Proprietors, at their Meeting held on the fifth day of January 1779, took into Consideration the Sixteen Lotts in Lyndsborough, surveyed and Planned by John Sheppard jun^r Esqr and Osgood Carlton, which Plans were returned by the Grantees of Lyndsborough to the Proprietors, the Grantors, as their Second Division of their Reservation in Said Township of Lyndsborough—and Voted that ye Said Lots Should be then drawn for to the Rights of the fifteen original Proprietor's Shares—and not then knowing that any appropriation had been made of the Sixteenth Lot, it was also voted that it should be appropriated for the Proprietors use in Common to be disposed of to defrey the Expences of the Proriety—Since ye passing of Said Vote, Benjamin Lynde Esqr hath claimed one of the Said Sixteen Lots, as part of a whole Proprietors Share in Said Lyndsborough, which he purchased of Joseph Blanchard Esqr deceased, which Share was equal in Quantity to any of the other Shares in Said Lyndsborough and the Lots to be drawn for with the Proprietors shares & Lotts in said Township—and which share Said Blanchard had reserved for his own use when he made the Grant or Conveyance of Said Township in behalf of the Proprietors aforesaid—& Whereas all the Said Sixteen Lotts were fairly drawn for at Said Meeting, to the Rights of the fifteen original Proprietors, and entered as drawn to them, as a Severance of the Same to their Respective Rights—and Lot N° 5 in Sheppards Plan was drawn for the Proprietors use in Common as aforesaid—Therefore Voted that the Said Lot N° 5 in Sheppards Plan be and hereby is granted appropriated and Severed, to the Said Blanchard's heir's and assigns as the Second division of his whole Right or share be reserved to himself as aforesaid, to have and to hold the Same, in the Same manner as conveyed by Said Blanchard—notwithstanding the Vote & Draft of Said Lot N° 5 on the fifth day of January as aforesaid for the Proprietors use in Common—

[*S. Walter to Proprietors*, 1797.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 116.]

Boston 16 Novr 1797

Dear Sir Col° Hutchinson has long been pursuing his Right to a Tract of Land which was laid out by Col° Blanchard as Agent for the masonian Proprietors at the Distance of one mile & half or two Miles from the Corner of New Boston Addition—this Grant if I rightly understand the Matter was prior to the Grant or Charter of

Lyndeboro—and was intended to have been brought into the N E Corner of Lyndeboro when that Charter was granted. but by a strange Mistake of Fletcher in running the Boundary Line of Lyndeboro on that Side of the Town there is only one short mile from the Corner of New Boston Addition—and Consequently this Grant of Blanchards does not come within the Township of Lyndeboro but is actually at a Distance from it—Fletcher afterward Acknowledged his Error & went with Carlton who is now alive in this Town & is ready to testify on oath that Fletcher went with him & shewed him where the true bounds ought to be—but Beatie & others purchasing under Wallingford had got possession of the Land & woud not deliver it up without a Law suit—the Proprietors of Lyndeboro were unwilling to engage in a Lawsuit for the Recovery of their Right—and thus lost several hundred Acres of Land on that Side which they are justly intitled to at this day—but Col° Hutchinson thinks he can not lose his Interest and that the masonian Proprietors under whom Col° Blanchard acted ought to see him righted or give him an equivalent—this is the purport of his present Journey & has desired me to give him a Line of Introduction to you with a general Statement of the Business,

with great Esteem & respect I remain

Dr Sir Your hum^l Servt

S Walter (?)

[*Petition of Israel Hutchinson*, 1798.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 117.]

To the Masonian Proprietor or proprietor of the Right of John Suston Mason Esqr in the State of Newhampshire

Gentlemen In December 1753 Joseph Blanchard Esqr as your agent by his deed conveyed to Benjamin Lynde and others Since called the Lyndeborough proprietors, a tract of land containing twenty eight thousand acres, called Lyndeborough particularly bounded as expressed in the Said Deed reserving however a part of the Said tract within the Said bounds and among other lots therein reserved, he reserved a lot of one hundred & fifty acres in the Northeast corner of Said Lyndeborough which corner is described in the Same deed to be one mile & a half North from the South west corner of New Boston called Hustans corner, also to be at a marked tree—on the eighteenth day of may 1754 the Said Joseph Blanchard as your agent & by Virtue of the power & authority vested in him

by your propriety, by his deed conveyed to Joseph Richardson, his heirs & assigns, all the right title Interest and posession of your Said propriety in one hundred & fifty acres of land lying within the tracts of land called Lyndeburgh on the Notherly part thereof following the description of Said reserved lot bounded as follows, viz begining at the former bounds of Lyndebor° where it Joins to New Boston West line about one Mile & a half from New Boston Southerly corner and runs from thence West one hundred & Sixty Rods by Lyndeborough North line thence South one hundred & fifty Rods, thence East one hundred & sixty Rods to New Boston line thence notherly by New Boston Line one hundred & fifty Rods to the first mentioned bounds, to have & to hold the Same forever free and Clear—

afterwards I purchased the Same one hundred & fifty Acres by the Same bounds & Sold the Same by the Same bounds to Joshua Balch and took his note of hand for the consideration money. In 1771 Osgood Carlton Surveyor assisted by Robert Fletcher Esqr another Surveyor at the request of Judge Lynde one of the Lyndebor° Committee proceeded to locate the Same peice of land according to his direction and to the Said Several deeds and first to fix the S^{d} Northeast corner of Said Lyndebor°, they measured from Said Hustons corner a point I understand well Settled Northerly one mile & a half on the West line of New Boston agreeable to the deed Said Blanchard first above mentioned, and there fixed the Said Northeast corner of Lyndiborough, in the Said West line of New Boston at a point one mile and a half from the Said Hustans corner being the most Southwesterly corner of New Boston mentioned in the Said Deed and their laid out the Said 150 Acres in the Said Northeast corner according to the grant aforesaid and by the bounds aforesaid—

Having commenced an action on Said note in order to recover the Contents of it against Mary Balch the Executrix of the Said Joshua Balch, in a trial therein which was had in the Superior Court of Newhampshire in October 1795 She recovered against me a bill of costs of Eighty nine dollars on the ground that Said 150 acres or at least a great part of it cannot be held under Said Blanchards deed it not being within the Said North line of Lyndeborough, and therefore that the consideration of the Said Note was not good whereby I have lost the Said note; Said Eighty nine dollars Costs & upwards of Sixty dollars Costs more as will appear thus in locating the Said lot the Northeast Corner thereof is made to coencide with the Said Northeast Corner of lyndeborough and that according to Said Blanchards deed and plan fixed at a point one mile & a half North of

Hustons corner in New Boston West line. and by the decission of the Court in the two Actions brought in 1787. by the Said execution one against Richd Batten & the other against Andrew Cressey it appears the Said lot cannot be laid out or extend further South, and by finally fixing the Said northeast Corner of Lyndebor^{o} at a point only about one mile and a quarter from Said Hustons corner instead of a mile & a half, about Eight fifteenths of Said lot the Notherly parts of it fall within the Society lands So called and So without the limits of S^{d} Lyndebor^{o} & without title under Said deed of Blanchards It is clear from Said deed that your propriety meant to grant and the Said Richardson intended to buy 150 acres of land in the Northeast corner of Lyndebor^{o} which your propriety reserved in the grant or confirmation of that township and not a disputed right— In Conveying the lands north of Lyndebor^{o} in 1767 the parties follow up their line to the north West corner of New Boston and then measure South one Mile on the west line of that Town to a hemlock tree, then West 3 miles and a quarter by Lyndebor^{o} hence they & your propriety made it two miles & a half from Said north West corner of New Boston to Said Hustons corner as appears by their deed and Said Blanchards deed first above mentioned but it is now Stated that this line is found to be only about two miles & a quarter long and that no particular tree was ever run to or marked as making the corner as mentioned in Said deeds, and hence this Vexatious dispute & difficulty arises, and perhaps the boundary lines of Lyndebor^{o} traced as described in Blanchards deed could never be made to meet and would if followed embrace more than the 28,000 acres, if from the consideration of these errors you and the Lyndbor^{o} proprietors have been induced to allow the Said northeast corner of Lyndbor^{o} Expresly fixed in your Said grant in 1753 to be at a point one mile & a half north of Said hustons corner to be moved about 80 Rods South towards S^{d} corner and this by concession and Admeasurments made since your grant, under which Said lot is held, I persuade myself you will not hessitate to defend or compensate for Such parts of that Eighty Rods as were located previous to Such Concessions under your grants—

Wherefore I have to request you to indemnify me in the premisses by allowing other lands or monies that Shall be a reasonable compensation—

Danvers Feb : 5th 1798 Israel Hutchinson

[*Nathan Dane to Proprietors*, 1798.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 118.]

Beverly March 10, 1798

Sir Col° Israel Hutchinson yesterday received Your letter of the 13th ult° owing probably to the circumstance that there is no post office in Danvers, and which induces him to wish you to direct your letters on the subject in question to me—he would have attended your meeting of the 5th instant had he received information of it in season and he will hold himself under many obligations to you to inform me by the post when your next meeting will be and what measures, if any, the proprietors have adopted relative to his petition —what information they want from him—and whether they wish him to attend them in person, and when it may most convenient for them &c with esteem and regard

Your humble servant

Geo. Jeffry Esq[r] Nathan Dane

MANCHESTER.

[Granted by Massachusetts April 17, 1735, to Capt. William Tyng's "snow-shoe men," and hence called *Tyng's-town*. Also known as *Harrytown* or *Old Harrytown*. Incorporated as *Derryfield* Sept. 3, 1751. The first town meeting was held in John Hall's house, Sept. 23, 1751. A gore of land was annexed to the north side Dec. 4, 1795. The name of the town was changed to Manchester June 13, 1810. A city charter was granted July 10, 1846. "Amoskeag" was severed from Goffstown and "Piscataquog" or "Squog" from Bedford and annexed July 1, 1853.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 151; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 540; Index to Laws, 305; History, by Chandler E. Potter, 1856, pp. 764; History, by John B. Clarke, 1875, pp. 463; sketch, 4, Granite Monthly, 418; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 40; brief historical sketch, compiled by Manchester Board of Trade, 1890, pp. 83; Dedication of Masonic Temple, 1870, pub. 1871, pp. 32; Dedication of Masonic Hall, address, by H. E. Burnham, 1890, pp. 40; Bibliography, by S. C. Gould, 1885; Dedication of Soldiers' Monument, 1879; Memoir of John Stark, by Caleb Stark, 1870; Life and Public Services of Frederick Smyth, by B. P. Poore and F. B. Eaton, 1885; Dedication of Franklin St. Congregational Church, 1847; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 198, 202, 205; Centennial Sermon, by J. M. Durell, 1884; Account of, History of the Merrimack Valley, by A. Poore, 1857, p. 209; History and Present Condition of the Manufactures, 1, Granite Monthly, 21; "Namaooskeag" Falls and the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co., 12, Farmer's Monthly Visitor, 289; Quarter Centennial Pastorate of First Congregational Church, by C. W. Wallace, 1865; Letter of Resignation and Commemorative Discourse, by C. W. Wallace, 1873; Report of First Unitarian Society, 1893.]

[*Jonn Duncan's Petition*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 119.]

Portsm° Novr 16th 1748

To the Gentlemen Proprietors & Purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esqur his Right in Lands in ye Province of New Hampsher

I the Subscriber having for eighteen years past having improved and fenced ab^t thirty Acres of land lying betwixt great Cohas & little Cohas and plowed ab^t ten Acres of the Same This is to humbly pray that you would grant to me the Said tract of land when you make a grant of it with ye Adjacent lands which I desire to take upon Such Terms & Conditions as shall Seem to you meet and you will very much oblige

Gent^m your most Hum serv^t

John Duncan

[*Petition of Thomas George and Others*, 1748–9.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 120.]

Province of New Hampsh^r } Portsmouth February ye 2^d 1748

To the Honb^le Theodore Atkinson Esqu^r and Others Purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r his Right in Lands in Said Province Humbly Shews

That we the Subscribers having purchased Sundry Tracts of Land from one hundred & fifty Acres to Sixty Acres, in a place known by the name of Ting's Town, Scituate between ye easterly side of Merrimack River and ye west line of Londonderry and that we have Dwelt and improved upon our Purchases, from thirteen to nine years past

and allowing Mason's Right prior and better to Said Lands than that of the Person's of whom we purchased, And as you have purchased Mason's Right in Said Lands We make our Petition to you that you would Confirm to us our Respective purchases & Improvements aforesaid (for which we refer to our Deeds) on Such Terms Conditions & Limitations as you shall think best for yourselves and your Humble Petitioners

Thomas gorge	Moses Wells	Abraham merrill
Benjamin Stevens	Samuel Parham	John Jewel
William Quenby	Eliezer wells	Caleb Dalton

January ye thirtieth 1748 9

Wee the petisioners then personaly met together and have Joyntly and Severaly impowered thomas George to enter our humble petision to the Gentlemen lords of the Sile to secure to us our livings

Thomas gorge	Joseph George	Abraham merrill
Benjamin Stevens	Samuel parham	Ebenezer his X mark Stevens
John Jewel	william Quenby	Eliezer wells
Moses Wells		

[*Petition of Elizabeth Rand*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 121.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth 12th April 1749.

The memorial & Petition of Eliz^th^ Rand of Harry's Town Widow of Robert Rand Deceas'd Humbly Sheweth

To the Honourable Theod^r^ Atkinson Esqr & and the other Gent^n^ Purchasers & Proprietors of Capt John Tufton Mason his Right in Lands in the Province of New Hampshire—

That the General Court of the Prov^e^ of the Massachusetts Bay held at Boston April ye 10th 1734, upon Consideration of Eminent Service done by Thomas Goffe Esqr Great Uncle to the Said Robert Rand, in Advancing the Setlement of their Late Colony, Did Grant unto the Said Robert One thousand Acres of Land in Said Harry's Town, which one Thous^d^ Acres is Commonly known by the name of Rands Farm, & Scituate on the Eastward side of Merimack. About fourteen years past one Ephr^m^ Bushell built a Frame of a Dwelling House upon the premises, but upon Information of the title of S^d^ Rand to the Land, he quitted, Said Rand paying him for his frame, which afterwards he finished & Dwelt therein with his Family about Eighteen months,—And one Mr Duncan of London Derry about the Same time, enclosed about Three Acres & Cleared & broke up about half an Acre near S^d^ House which Improvement he Surrender'd to Said Robert, And John Goffe Esqr Improved between 4 & 5 Acres of Said Farm On the westerly Side of Cohas Brook just by Merimack River & built a Log House thereon, who held possession of the Same, So that the Said Robert by the Assistance of his Brother Doct^r^ Wm Rand Sued S^d^ Goffe for S^d^ Land who promised to Go off the premises if Said Robert would Drop his Action against him therefor, who Removed himself and Family but placed his Father thereon & one Robert Walker & James Walker had Enclosed near One hundred Acres of Said Farm, and Improved about Eight Acres by planting

which parcell of Land is Lying Contiguous to the Improvement of John Goffe aforesaid westerly & by the River Merimack Southerly—About 12 years since the Said Robert Rand Demanding of the Said Robert & James Walker this Land, the Said James Walker being under age, Said Robert Walker his Brother Engaged for him Viz^{t} That they would quit their Said Possession & Improvement upon Condition S^{d} Robert Rand would pay them for their Improvement in Said farm which the Said Robt Rand Agreed to, And Accordingly it was Referr'd to Men mutually Chosen by the Said parties to Judge what the Said Robert Rand Shou'd pay to the S^{d} Robert & James Walker For their Said Improvement, & that according to the Report of the Said Referrees, the Said Robt Rand paid the Said Robt & James Walker money for their S^{d} Improvem^{t} & the S^{d} Robt Walker quitted his Said Improvement to the Said Robert Rand, thereupon applied to Coll^{l} Blanchard for Advice for Further proceeding (who is well acquainted with the Affairs Relating to Said Farm), and Afterwards James Walker agreed to quit upon Consideration of Reaping Two Thirds of the Crop then on the ground—And that one Smith Fenced & Improved about 4 Acres of Said Farm Joining upon Said Walkers Improvements, and by the River Merimack who Gave the Said Robert Rand Six Bushels Corn for his Improved & quitted.—

And that Your Petitioner has a Daughter a Widdow with Four Small Children who lives on a part of Said Farm Containing about Forty Acres joining upon the Land Improved by the Robt & J^{s} Walker —Tho' the Said Robert promised her his S^{d} Daughter 100 Acres of S^{d} Farm, and also promised your Petitioner on his Death bed One hundred Acres more of Said farm—And that your petitioner (upon the Removal of the S^{d} R^{t} & J^{s} Walker) Settled with the Said Robt Rand her husband, upon the Said one hund^{d} Acres and Dwelt there for about five or Six years when he Died & was buried—And when the Southern boundary Line between the Provinces of the Massachusetts bay & New Hampshire, the whole of Said Grant from the Gener^{l} Court of the Massachusetts Bay, fell within, by which Acident your Memorialist Aprehends the Greatest part of Said 1000 Acres falls allso within Londonderry Charter Bounds, and the Said John Goffe Esqr who only improved about 4 or 5 Acres, has Since Enclosed and Improved a Large Farm out of your petitioners Grant And Since the Commencement of the warr, your petitioner Improved part of the Said 100 Acres for Two years & Continued in the peaceable possession thereof till about a fortnight past your petitioner Removed to Said place to Dwell there and after being there Eight Days John Goffe Esqr aforesaid hath Enclosed the whole 100 Acres your petitioner is possessed of and am fearfull with an Evil Intention of Cir-

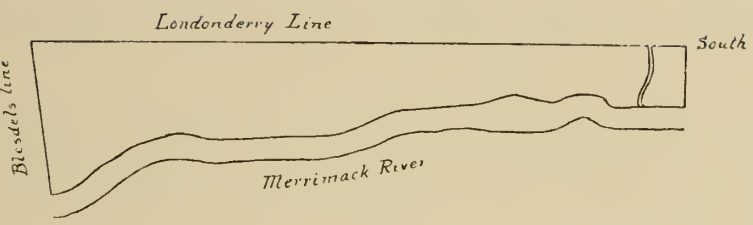
cumventing & Defrauding your petitioner of that part of the 1000 Acre Grant, more Especially as he did in a formall manner before 8 or 9 witnesses warn your petitioner to move out of Said premisses Claiming the Same as his property for that he had a Conveyance thereof from you the proprietors of masons Right &c^{r}—Wherefore your petitioner humbly prays that as the said Robert Rand Deceas'd my Late Husband was at the time of the Grant of the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay of the thousand acres of Land: in Good Circumstances having full & Constant Employment at his trade of Sail making which Employment he quitted to settle and Improve this Land So Granted to him as aforesaid but by Reason of the molestation of Persons who were Trespassers on Said Tract, The Running of the Dividing Line between S^{d} Provinces, so as that the Grant afores^{d} Conveyed no Real Title to the Premises, And the Grant to London-Derry Proprietors Comprehending the Greatest part of Said 1000 Acres, And the Attempts of Sundry persons to Get into Possession of and to Obtain Grants from your honours the proprietors of what parts of the 1000 Acres of Good Land aforesaid is not within any Township or that Some Persons have without Leave or Licence made Some Improvements in, And more Especially John Goffe Esqr his Attempts or Aims of Supplanting y^{r} petitioner of that small piece of Ground that was Enclosed as aforesaid by which means the Substance of the S^{d} Robert was Diminished before his Death & under went much Fatigue & Difficulty by Reason of his Endeavouring to settle & Improve the Premises before his Decease, & Since your Petitioner is Exceedingly Reduced by means aforesaid, having no Means or place of Living but on the premises which affords at Best a very small subsistance, being thus Reduced to Such Needy Circumstances I humbly pray you would take into Consideration my Deplorable state & of that of my Widow Daughter and her Fatherless Children and Grant us what Releif and favour in the premises you Shall think meet—And Your Petitioner Shall Ever pray &c^{r}—

The Mark of Elizath E Rand—

[Endorsed] April ye 12th 1749 Resolved to grand to Eliz^{a} Rand widow 60 Acres & To Eliz^{a} Secomb widow 40 Acres in ye land called Ran's Farm—

[*Plan of Rand's Farm, Nov.* 5, 1748.]

A Plan of that part of that tract of land called Rans Farm lying between Londonderry west line so called & merrimack now in Possession of Jno Goffe & James Walker—



Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth November y^e 5th 1748—
To the Gentlemen Purchasers & Proprietors of Capt John Tufton Mason Esqu^r his Right in Lands within Said Province—

I the Subscriber in behalfe of James Walker and myselfe represent that ye tract of land included within ye above Plan was claimed by Doctor William Ran by virtue of a grant from ye Province of ye Mass^a Bay about which a Suit at law was had in ye Prov^e of ye Mass^a Bay between ye said Ran and ye Subscriber for ye Property of Said Tract—against whom ye Subscriber Recover'd a Judgement upon ye Premises against Said Rann in or about ye year 1735—and as Said Tract is within your Right we pray your favour that as ye Said Walker and myselfe are in ye Possession & improvement of ye said Tract, namely of about two thirds thereof—that you would grant our Possession & improvement to us and the other third thereof reserve to your own Use & disposall your Compliance herein will very much oblige said walker in whose behalfe I am and also your most Hum: Servt

John Goffe

[*Proprietors to John Goffe*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 122.]

Jno Goffe Esq^ur

Sr The Prop^rs of ye Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r desirous of preserving all ye Timber on a Tract of Land lying between Londonderry & merrimack River Litchfield & Chester Line; make it their Request of you that you would prevent any person whatsoever from Cuting felling Wasting or making any Strip upon Said Tract and if any person should so do (notwithstanding our Claim to said timber &^ct) you are desired to make proper observation thereof and Endeavour to get such Evidence as may prove a Trespass in order to have a prosecution made against any Trespasser wherein you will oblige the said Proprietors by whose desire & Direction this is from

Y^r Humble Servt

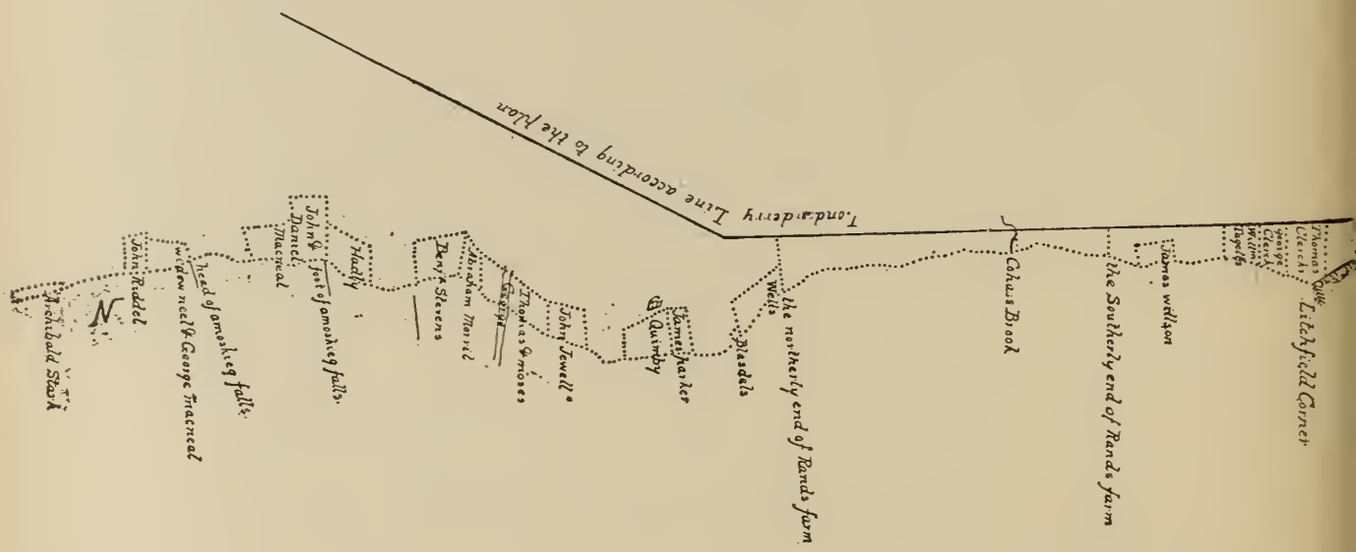
Portsm^o Decr 22^d 1749— Geo: Jaffrey

[*Plan of A Strip of Land between Merrimack, Londonderry, Litchfield, and Chester.*]

In this plan I have Measured one Side of Every improvement and as near as I Could Guess by that I have Discribed the land now in actual improvement and have write Down Each mans name as he now has it (Quimby's house not Standing in his improvement more improvements than what is here is on the land and Some Done within this five year that is not as yet Mentioned) Laid down by a Scal of 160 Rods to an Inch

Math^{w} Patten

I have Mentioned no Improvements on Rands farm altho there is a Considerable Done Intirely from one end of the farm to the other— The northerly Streack of Derry line of from the River Interfers with Chester westerly line

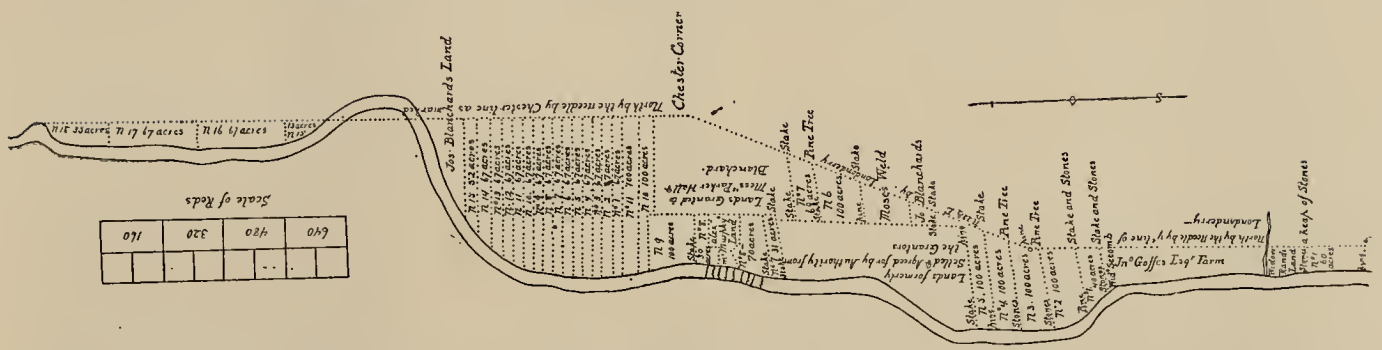


[*Reserved Lots in Manchester*, 1751.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 6, 1751.]

Voted that all that Tract of Land lying between the lines of Litchfield Londonderry Chester and Merrimack River belonging to Said Proprietors be laid out Into Eighteen equal Shares & Lots beginning on the Southerly part thereof and numbering the Lots one two and So on till the whole is laid out which Lots shall be drawn for in the usual manner & each person to whom any Lot so falls shall have hold enjoy the Same in Severalty to him his heirs and assigns, saving and Excepting all such Tracts of Land within said Bounds as have been

[*Plan of Strip of Land between Londonderry, Litchfield, and Chester.*]



This plan describes the Slip of Land between Londonderry and Chester lines & Merrymack River—from William Taggerts field, (from Whence to the South end of the Slip has been long all under Occupency) and from the S^{d} Field Northward, Eleven Lotts of One Hundred Acres each are Lay'd Out Bounded & Nombered the three Slips left And Noted to J. Blanchard, are parcell of his Lotts Purchassed & Owned under the Massachusetts grant Messrs Parkers & Halls grant left, & Others as Noted in the plan Setled and Agreed for; the Remainder Carefully measured & the Whole to Bow line Apportioned into Eighteen Shares of Equall Quantity, (at first Divided into ye like quantity of Shares below ye Improvements of Robe^{t} Boyce Esq, finding that not to be the Intention of ye prop^{ty} have Since Measured the Remainder & Lay'd it in Equall parts, with ye Addition but ye Dividing lines of their lotts not yet Run. Which is Submitted for further Directions ℔ Joseph Blanchard Junr Surv^{r}——

already granted by said Proprietors or by their Order to any person, Saving and Excepting also that ten hundred Acre Lots be first laid out at the Southerly End to Sundry persons agreable to a Vote pass'd the thirteenth day of September 1750 granting to Such of the Proprietors one hundred Acres of Land as should go & See Said Land before the fifth of November then next, and the Remainder to be Equaly divided as aforesaid Saving also one hundred Acres of land at the Southerly End aforesaid to be laid with the other hundred Acre Lots aforesaid which last mentioned hundred Acre Lot is hereby granted to Paul March his Heirs and Assigns—

The eighteen Lots mentioned in the above Vote were drawn at the meeting as follows vizt—

1st drawn	Number 1	—to John Rindge
2^{d} . . .	10.	to John Moffatt Esqu^{r}
3 . . .	7.	to John Wentworth Esqu^{r}
4 . . .	3.	to Mark Hungk^{g} Wentworth Esqu^{r}
5 . . .	5.	to John Thomlinson Esqu^{r}
6 . . .	13.	to Thomas Packer Esqu^{r}
7 . . .	16.	to Mathew Livermore Esqu^{r}
8 . . .	8.	to Jotham Odiorne Esqu^{r} his Right
9 . . .	6	to George Jaffrey
10 . . .	17.	to Sam^{ll} Solly & Clem^{t} March Esqu^{r}
11 . . .	18.	to Thomas Walingford Esqu^{r}
12 . . .	11.	to William Parker Esqu^{r}
13 . . .	9.	to Theodore Atkinson Esqu^{r}
14 . . .	2.	to Richard Wibird Esqu^{r}
15 . . .	4.	to Mrs Mary Moore & Dan^{ll} Peirce Esqu^{r}
16 . . .	14.	to John Thomlinson & Jno Tufton Mason Esqu^{rs}
17 . . .	15	to Joshua Peirce Esqu^{r}
18 . . .	12	to Nath^{ll} Meserve Esqu^{r} his Original Right

[*Ten Lots Reserved in Manchester*, 1753.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Aug. 29, 1753.]

The Draft of the Ten hundred Acre Lots mentioned in the Vote pass'd ye 6th day of December 1751 drawn for in the usual manner—vizt—

1st	drawn Lot No°	1	to John Tufton Mason Esqr
2	. . .	8.	to Josha Peirce Esqr
3	. . .	9.	to Joseph Blanchard Esqr
4	. . .	10.	to Danll Peirce Esqr
5	. . .	5.	to Theodore Atkinson Esqr
6	. . .	3.	to George Jaffrey
7	. . .	7.	to Thomas Packer Esqr
8	. . .	6.	to Mr John Rindge
9	. . .	2	to Clement March Esqr
10	. . .	4.	to Mr William Rindge

[*Petition of William Duncan*, 1760.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 123.]

To The Honourable the Proprietors of Lands Purchased from John Tufton Mason Esq.

The Petition of William Duncan of Londonderry In the Province of New=Hampshire, Humbly Shews.

That in or About Anno: Domini: 1730. On the Southerly Side & Adjoining to Great Cohaas-Brook where it Emties into Merrymac River Your Petitioner Fenced & Clear'd A field of thirty Acres, & Improv'd the Same for Corn & Rye, Untill your Honours, gave it to the Widow Rand, At the Request of John Goffee Esq.

And Whereas the Inhabitants of Sundry Whole Towns, & In other Towns Many Individuals, are quieted in their Possessions, by your Disinterested Goodness, which for the Reason Above Cannot be Dun to me. Yet by Your Clemency to others I am Encouraged, Humbly to pray Your Honours to Consider My Loss & Grant me the Islands in Merrymac River near to, & below Amaskeeg Falls, or Such other Donation, as in your great Wisdom, & Usual bounty, you Judge Equitable & your Petitioner, as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Willeam Duncan

Londonderry Febv 20th Anno: Domini: 1760.

[*Letter from Willard Hall*, 1764.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 124.]

Wesford Novr 9th 1764

Sr / I have directed this to you on Supposition yt you are Clerk of ye Proprietors of Mason's Grant, if I am mistaken, please to direct ye

Bearer, wth this, to ye proper ℔son; Who I wou'd inform y^t^, I had formerly a Claim to a Lot of Land near Amuskeag-Falls, granted by ye Massachusetts, w^ch^, when ye Aboves^d^ Proprietors were inform'd of, (upon ye kind motion of my good Friend, Capt Wibird) They were generously pleas'd to give to me; but in what Manner, I never knew: Now my Desire is y^t^ you wou'd send me a Copy from ye Records of ye Proprietors, of their Doings in that affair, wch ye Bearer hereof will satisfy you for. Y^r^ Humb^e^ serv^t^

Willard Hall

To ye Clerk of ye Proprietors of Mason's Grant.

[*James Underwood to Samuel Hobart*, 1764.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 124.]

Mr Hobert S^r^ these are to Desire you the first Time you go to portsmouth to Go to m^r^ Jaffrey who is Clerk for the Proprietors of the pattentee & Disire a Coppy of the Records of Said Propri^rs^ of there Grant to ye Rev^d^ m^r^ Willard Hall of Land in Derryfield & pay him for it & Leave it at Dea^n^ Kendalls and a minit of the Cost & your Trouble & I will pay you Sr Dont fail the first oppertunity as the thing is much wanted—& you will oblige your Very Hum^le^ Ser^t^

Novr 30th 1764 James Underwood—

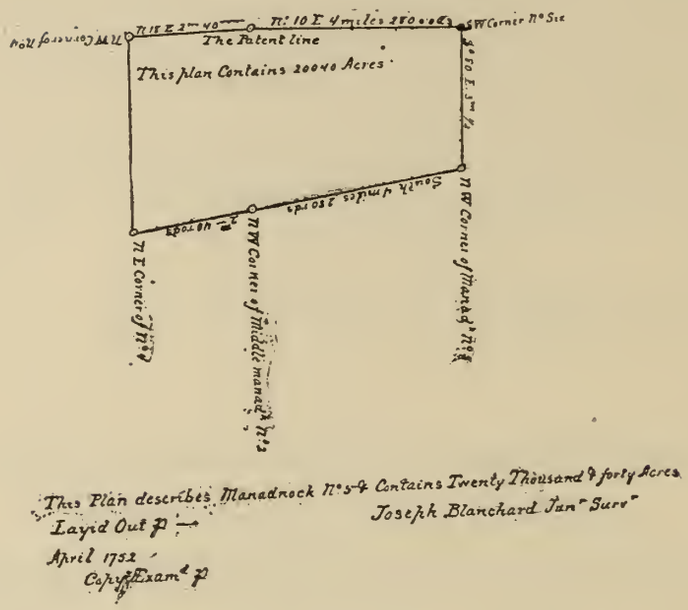
Mr Sam^el^ Hobart

MARLBOROUGH.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors as *Monadnock No.* 5, May 20, 1752, to James Morrison and others. Many of the settlers came from Marlborough, Mass., and the town was sometimes called *New Marlborough*. On Holland's map of N. H., the town is designated as *Oxford*. Incorporated as Marlborough Dec. 13, 1776, and named from Marlborough, Mass. A small portion of Swanzey was annexed Jan. 8, 1794. A part of the town, with other territory was incorporated as Roxbury, Dec. 9, 1812. Another portion was included in the limits of Troy, incorporated June 23, 1815. A part of Dublin was annexed June 13, 1818. A tract of land was taken from Swanzey and annexed Dec. 15, 1842. The line with Troy was established June 28, 1847. A small part of Troy was annexed June 24, 1870.

See XII, Hammond Town Papers, 566; Index to Laws, 334; sketch, by S. H. McCollester, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 231; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 302; Biographical Notices of Physicians, by W. C. Whitcomb, 1, N. H. Repository, 217; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 280; History, by C. A. Bemis, 1881, pp. 726; Address, at Centennial Celebration, 1876, by S. H. McCollester.]

[*Plan of Marlborough*, 1752.]



[*Charter of Marlborough*, 1752.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 126, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 110.]

Province of New Hampshire } Pursuant to the Power & Authority Granted & Vested In me the Subscriber by the Prop^{rs} of Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq. in ye Province of New Hampshire By their Vote Passed at their Meeting held at Portsmouth In s^{d} Province the 6 Day of December—1751.—

I Do by these Presents on ye terms & Limitations hereafter Expressed Give And Grant all the Right Possession & Property of the Prop^{rs} Afores^{d} unto James Morrison Junr Archibald Dunlap Robert Clark James Lyons Robert Allen Andrew Armer Halbart Morrison David Morrison Samuel Morrison John Morrison Thomas Morrison William Gillmore John Gillmore Sam^{ll} Alison Samuel Alison Junr James Willson Junr John Willson Robert Willson Thomas Willson Samuel Willson Samuel Steel James Moore John Wason John Cochran Isaac Cochran Thomas Cochran Samuel Cochran Hugh Montgomory Henry Neal John Moore Robert Moore Samuel Mitchell Thomas m^{c}Cleary Three Shares Each & to James Willson Senr one Share Of in & to that tract of Land or Township Called Manadnock Nomber five Situate in the Province of New Hampshire Containing by Estimation twenty Thousand Acres Bounded as Followeth Begining at the Northwest Corner Of the township Called North manadnock N^{o} three & Runs from thence north Eighty Degrees west three Mills &

an half to a beach tree in the west line of Masons Patent & from thence Southerly in that line Seven Mills three quarters And fourty Roads to the Northwest Corner of the township Called Manadnock N° four from thence South Eighty Degrees East about four Mills by the North Line of S^{d} N° 4 till it Come to the west line of Manadnock N° 2 & N° 3 to the First bounds Mentioned.

To Have and to Hold to them their heirs & Assigns on the following terms Conditions & Limitations (that is to Say that within nine months from this Date there be one Hundred & twenty three fifty Acre Lotts Lay'd out as Near the Middle the township in the beast of the upland as Conveniency Will admit & Drawn for & that the Remander of the township be Divided In to one Hundred & twenty three Shares, not Exceeding two Lotts to a Share In Such Quantity as the Grantees agree upon Each Lott & Drawn for Within two years from this Date

That three of the afores^{d} Shares be Granted & Appropriated free of all Charge one for the first Sittled Minister, one for the Ministray one for The School there forever, one Lott for Each s^{d} Share to be Lay'd out Near the Middle of the town & Lotts Coupled to them So as to make Them Equal with the Rest.—

That twenty more of S^{d} Shares be Reservid for the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns forever & acquitted from all Duty & Charge untill Improved by the owner & Owners or Some holding under them Respectively.

That the Owners of the Other Rights make Settlement at their own Expence in the following manner Viz^{t} all the Lotts to be Layd out At the Grantees Expence

That all the Lotts in S^{d} town be Subject to have all Necessary Roads Layd out through them as there Shall be Occation free from Charge for the Land

That at or before the Last day of December, 1754 there be three Acres Cleared Inclosed & fitted for Mowing or tillage on thirty of the aforementioned Grantees Shares vizt on one Share of each of the aforenamed Grantees Excepting Hugh Montgomory James Moore & Samuel Steel & from Thence annually one acre more in Like Manner for five years And that Each of Grantees have a house built on Some one Lott in s^{d} Township of a Room Sixteen feet Squair at the Least besides the Chimney-way with a Chimney & Cellar fitt for Comfortable Dwelling therein in Six years from the Date hereof & Some Person Inhabiting & Resident in Each house & Continue Inhabitancy there for four Years then Next Coming

And that within the term of twelve years from this Date there be Seventeen Lotts more vizt one of the Rights of James Morrison Robert

Clark James Lyons Robert Allen Andrew Armer Halbart Morrison David Morrison Samuel Morrison John Morrison Thomas Morrison William Gillmore John Gillmore Samuel Alison James Willson John Willson Robert Willson James Willson Junr have in Like manner Five Acres of Land Cleared Inclosed & fitted as aforesd over & above What they are to do as aforesd & each a house in manner aforesd And Some Person Inhabiting therein & Continueing Inhabitancy for Three years afterwards there

That a Convenient Meeting house be built in sd township within Ten years after this Date (& finished) as near the Centre of the township As Conveniency will admit of to be Determined by a major Vote of Grantors & Grantees & ten acres of Land Reserved there for Publick use

That the aforesd Grantees or their assigns Grant & assess any Sume Or Sums of Money as they Shall think Necessary for Carrying Forward & Compleating the Settlement Aforesd

And any of the Grantees Exclusive of the Publick Lotts Aforesd Who Shall Neglect for the Space of three months Next after Such Assessment, Shall be Granted & made to pay the Same. So Much of Such Delinquents Rights Respectively Shall and may be Sold as will pay Tax & all Charges arising thereon by a Committee of the Grantees Appointed for that Purpose

That all white pine trees fitt for Masting his Majestys Royal Navey Be & hereby are Granted to his Majesty his heirs & Successors for ever

And in Case any of the Grantees Shall Neglect & Refuse to Perform Any of the Articles Afore Mentioned by him Respectively to be done He Shall forefeit his Share & Right in Sd township & every Part & Percell thereof to those of the Grantees who are not Delinquent in the Conditions on their Part Respectively to be done & it Shall & May be Lawfull for them or any Person by their Authority to Enter into & upon Such Delinquents Right & him or them Utterly to amove Oust & Expell For the use of them their heirs & assigns Provided they Settle or Cause To be Settled Such Delinquents Right within the term of one year At the furthest from the Period by this Grant Stepulated as the Conditions thereof & fully Comply with the Conditions Such Delinquent Ought to have done within one year from the time after the Respective periods thereof, & in Case the sd Grantees fullfilling their Parts as aforesd Shall neglect fullfilling as aforesd of any Delinquent Owner nor he him Self Perform it that then Such Share or Shares Be forefiet Revert & belong to the Grantors their heirs & assign And to be wholly at their Disposall always Provided that there be No Indian war in any of the terms Limitted

as afores^{d} for doing the Duty Conditioned in this Grant to be done & in Case that Should happen The Same time to be allowed after Such Impediment Shall be Removed

Lastly the Grantors do hereby Promis to the s^{d} Grantees their heirs And Assigns to Defend thô the Law to King & Council if need be one Action that Shall & may be brought against them or any Nomber Of them by any Person or Persons whatsoever Claiming the s^{d} Land or any Part thereof by any Other title then that of the s^{d} Grantors or that by which they hold & Derive theirs from

Provided the Said Grantors are Avouched in to Defend the Same & in Case on finall tryall the Same Shall be Recoverd over Against the Grantors the s^{d} Grantees Shall Recover Nothing Over against the Grantors for the s^{d} Lands Improvement or Expence in bringing forward the Settlement

To all whch Premises I Joseph Blanchard Agent for And in behalf of the Grantors have hereunto Sett My hand & Seal this twentyeth Day of May in the 25th year of his Majestys Reign Annoq Dom: 1752 ——

Joseph Blanchard { Seal }

Att^{t} A true Copy Examined p^{r}

Mathew Thornton Prop^{rs} Clerk

[*Vote of Acceptance by Marlborough Proprietors*, 1752.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 125, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 115.]

Att A Meeting of the Prop^{rs} of the Township Called Manadnock N° 5. Held at the House of Joseph Blanchard Of Dunstable in the Province of New Hampshire Esq. — May the Twentyeth A D 1752 ——

The Following Vote Passed Unanimously.——

Whereas the Prop^{rs} of ye Lands in the Province of New Hampshire Purchased by them of John Tufton Mason Esq. who hold them under the title Mad by A Common Recovery Did on the twentyeth day of May Afores^{d} Grant the Quanty of Twenty Thousend acres By Estimation, part of S^{d} Land Bounded as followeth Begining at the Northwest Corner of the Township Called North Manadnock N° 3 & Runs from thence North Eighty Degrees west three Miles & an half

to A beach tree in The west line of Masons Patent & from thence Southerly in that line Seven Milles three quarters & fourty Rods to the northwest Coner of the Township Called Manadnock N° 4 from thence South Eighty degrees East About four Miles by the North Line of S^{d} N° 4: Till it Comes to the west line of Manadnock N° 2 & From thence North by the Needle by Manadnock N° 2: & N° 3 to the first bounds Mentioned — Unto James Morison Junr Archibald Dunlap, Robert Clark James Lyons Robert Allin And^{w} Armer Halbert Morison David Morison Sam^{ll} Morison John Morison Thomas Morison William Gillmor John Gilmor Sam^{ll} Alison Sam^{ll} Alison Junr James Wilson Ju^{r} John Wilson Robert Wilson Thomas Wilson Sam^{ll} Wilson Sam^{ll} Steel James Moore John Wason John Cochran Isaac Cochran Thomas Cochran Sam^{ll} Cochran Hugh Montgomory Henry Neal John Moore Robert Moore Sam^{ll} Mitchel Thomas McCleary & James Wilson Senr Under Certain Conditions Limitations & Reservations In S^{d} Grant Mentioned as by Reference Thereto Will fully Appear.——

Voted That We Do Hereby Accept Said Title And For Our Selves Our Heirs & Assigns Do Acknowledge that we hold Said Lands Under Said Title Conditions & Limitations with the Reservations therein Mentioned.——

Mathew Thornton Prop^{rs} Clerk.

[*Petition of Certain Inhabitants of Marlborough*, 1768.]

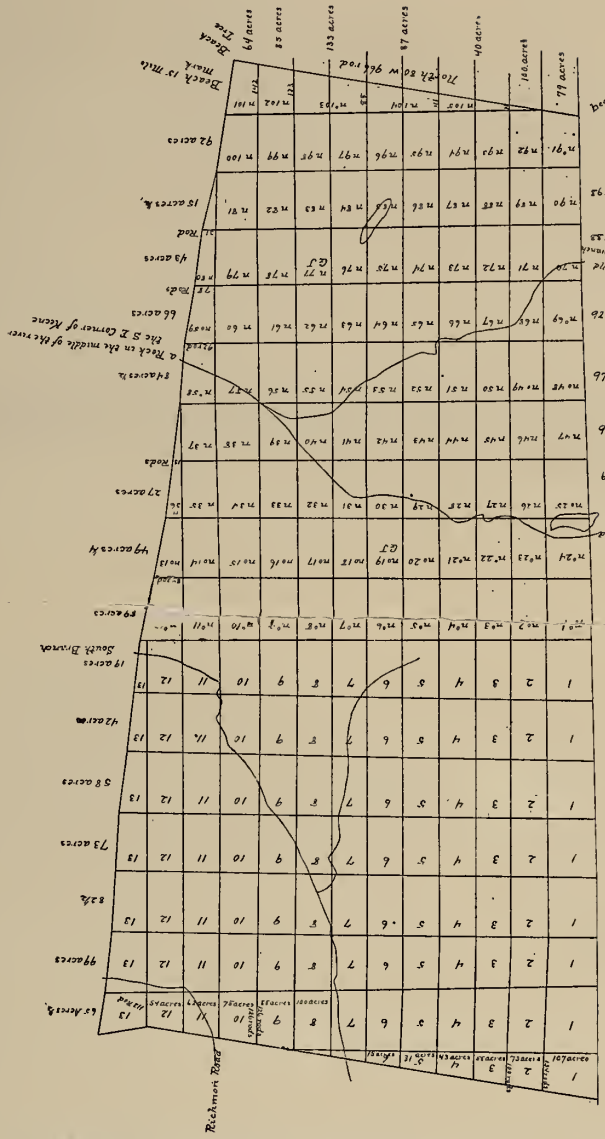
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 127.]

Province of New Hampshire

To the Proprietors of Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr in the province aforesaid (Commonly Called the Lords Proprietors of Said Lands) &c.

Humbly Shueth To your honours.——

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of Monadnock Number five (So Called) in Said province, Lying in Said Masons Patant, That, on the twentieth day of May A. D. 1752. your honours Was pleased to Grant Said Monadnock Number five to a Number of People and Gave a Charter of the Same to Said people with Sundry Conditions and Restrictions as mentioned in said Charter: Since Which We have Purchased of Sundry of the Grantees, and Setled in Said Town Ship, and have fulfiled Said Charter as to our part as fully as hath been in our Power to do, By Reason that there is a Number of Said Grantees that Neglect to Settle there Rights or to do any Considera-



This is a Plan of a Township in Masons Patten in the Province of New Hampshare Called Manad[k] N[o] 5 Lotted out into Hundred acre Lots Excepting the Lots on the out Side of the Town and Them Lots it is Set Down Against Each Lot the Number of acres Contained in Each Lot Survey[d] by Jon[a] Livermore and Noah Church in y[e] year 1762

Marlborough Dec[r] 3[d] 1768
A Copy Examin[d] by Ebenz[r] Dexter Prop[ts] Clerk

[Plan of Marlborough, 1762.]

ble part of the duty Required of them by Said Charter, altho We Conceave the Time for the Settlement on Said Rights is Long Since Expired and Said Delinquents at our meeting for Bringing forward the Settlement of Said Township, &c. by means of their own Voates and the Interest they make, Carry the Votes as they please to the Great Damage of the Inhabitants of said Township and to the dischuragement of others Settleing therein &c.—

the delinequant Rights are as followeth (viz) Henry Neal William Gilmore Helbert Morrison Samuel Allason Junr Robert Allen, Samuel Mitchel, John moore Thomas Morrison,

We, having thus opened our Deplorable Case, to your honours as obedient Children, to their Parents, Desire your honours Would Take our Case into your Wise Consideration and if your Honours think proper, Grant Said Delinquants Rights to the Present Inhabitants of Said Township on Such Conditions as your honours Shall think proper; or otherwise Releave us as your honours in your Great Wisdom Shall think Proper. And We as In duty Bound Shall Ever pray.

Monadnock Number five 25th day of July 1768.

Daniel Goodenow	William Barker	Joseph Collins
Abel Woodart	Joshua tucker	Isaac M^{c}allester
Abijah tucker	Moses tucker	Caleb tucker
Stephen Church	Charles Biglo	Richard Tozer

[*Memorial of Jonathan Blanchard*, 1768.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 128.]

To the Gentlemen Prop^{rs} Purchasors of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esqr in the Province of New Hamp^{r}—

The Memorial of Jonathan Blanchard of Dunstable in Said Province shews—

That your Memorialist & Others are Largely Interested in the New Township Called Monad^{k} N° 5. Granted In your Right some Years since,—

that they (& their Family's) have at a Large Expence been & Still are Carrying on & Compleating the Settlem^{t} of Said Township as Enjoynd by Grant thereof.—

That your Memorialist understands a Petition has been preferrd to Your Society (as Well as Many Causeless Insinuations mention^{d}) Setting forth that a Number of the Original Grantees or their Assigns are Delitory & wholly Neglect the Improvem^{t} & settlement of their Rights & shares—

That your Memoralist Declares (so far as he Can find out) that the Representation afores[d] is false & that there is not one Single Right in S[d] Township but that has more or Less Cleard & Improved on, & that if the whole Duty is not already Done as they are Perfect[g] the same he Prays for your further Indulgence & is Perswaded that any New Grant Cannot hastin the settlement—That if the Petitioners afores[d] Sho[d] again Beg for the Supposed forfeiture Your Memorialist prays that he May have Notice & Liberty to state the facts Touching the Settlem[t] Before any New Grant Takes place Which tho' Perhaps Cannot Take Effect Yet it May be Prejudicial to the Present Claimers & no Real service and Your Memorialist as In Duty shall Ever pray—

Portsm[o] Dece[r] 22[d] 1768— Jon[a] Blanchard

[*Draft of Lots in Marlborough*, 1762.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 129.]

A List of the Proprietors of Monadnock N[o] five with the Draft of their Lots, (Drawn Nov[r] 8. 1762)—

Thomas Wilson	N[o] 11. 3[d] R: N[o] 51.		N[o] 10—3[d]	N[o] 7—3[d]	N[o] 1—1st
Henry Neal	N[o] 12—3[d]	N[o] 52.	N[o] 53.	N[o] 1—3[d]	N[o] 2—8th
James Lyons	N[o] 17.	N[o] 92.	N[o] 9—4th	N[o] 10—4th	N[o] 3—5th
Thomas Cochran	N[o] 22.	N[o] 9—7th	N[o] 8—7	N[o] 60.	N[o] 59.—
W[m] Gilmore	N[o] 93	N[o] 30.	N[o] 3—4.	N[o] 4—4.	N[o] 27.—
Robert Willson	N[o] 94	N[o] 6—1	N[o] 5—3[d]	N[o] 6—3[d]	N[o] 105—
John Wason	N[o] 49.	N[o] 10—7.	N[o] 14.	N[o] 15.	N[o] 1—5th
Halbert Morrison	N[o] 35.	N[o] 2—4.	N[o] 1—4.	N[o] 62.	N[o] 101.
Samuel Morrison	N[o] 12—2[d]	N[o] 43.	N[o] 13—2[d]	N[o] 103.	N[o] 96
Andrew Armer	N[o] 32.	N[o] 2—6.	N[o] 3—6	N[o] 47.	N[o] 5—4th
Isaac Cochran	N[o] 39.	N[o] 7—4	N[o] 38.	N[o] 82.	N[o] 2—2
Samuel Allison j[r]	N[o] 4—6	N[o] 44.	N[o] 102.	N[o] 4—1.	N[o] 2—5th
Archibald Dunlap	N[o] 37.	N[o] 12—5.	N[o] 6—2[d]	N[o] 58.	N[o] 13—4th
John Gilmore	N[o] 18.	N[o] 5—7th	N[o] 10—1.	N[o] 11—1.	N[o] 5—8
Samuel Steel	N[o] 23.	N[o] 8—4.	N[o] 24.	N[o] 83.	N[o] 1—2[d]
Robert Allen	N[o] 7—1.	N[o] 97.	N[o] 98	N[o] 13—7.	N[o] 4—8th
James Moor	N[o] 7—2[d] N[o] 2—3	N[o] 73.	N[o] 40.	N[o] 81.	N[o] 106
Thomas MacClary	N[o] 7—7th	N[o] 41.	N[o] 54.	N[o] 100	N[o] 11—7th
James Willson Jun[r]	N[o] 7—5	N[o] 8—5	N[o] 7—6.	N[o] 8—6.	
John Morrison	N[o] 84.	N[o] 9—1.	N[o] 9—2[d]	N[o] 69	N[o] 13—5th
John Willson	N[o] 64	N[o] 5—6	N[o] 48	N[o] 3—1.	N[o] 12—
Samuel Mitchel	N[o] 65.	N[o] 6—6.	N[o] 2.	N[o] 3.	N[o] 12—7-
Samuel Cochran	N[o] 50.	N[o] 11—4.	N[o] 3—2[d]	N[o] 4—2[d]	N[o] 57—
James Morrison	N[o] 26. half N[o] 11 —6	N[o] 10—6.	N[o] 55.	N[o] 56. &	North
Hugh Montgomery	N[o] 10.	N[o] 9—6	N[o] 91.	N[o] 90.	N[o] 1—8
John Moor	N[o] 9. —6—8th	N[o] 6—7	N[o] 70	N[o] 78	N[o] 13—3[d]

[*Plan of Marlborough*, 1767.]

you desire a tru & just acount of the settlement of monadnock No 5 and how far We had Complied with the Condishons of our Chartor which I Shall do my indeavour to give you as troo an account as I Can tho it is hard for me to Render to you So Exact an acount as you desire but I will do it in the best manner that I Can which are as folers to wit first the names of the Proprioaters that the Chartor was granted to are as folers viz

	heare is the names of those parsons that draw under ye former Propria^{s}	the Names that are hear under riten are those that are in ye town as setlers
Thomas Willson	David Church	Thomas Rigs & famely
Hen^{y} Neel	Jonathun Blancher Esqr	
James Linds	Willam Eagor	Joshua Tucker & famely
Thomas Cockran	Addinaiah How	James Tiffiny & famely
Willam Gilmor	Richard Tozer	Richard Tozer & famely
Robart Willson	Eleaz How	Willam Adams Singal man
John Wason	Charls Biglo	Joseph Peck & famely
Helbort morison	Noah Church	
Samuell morrison	Jacob Felton	John Felton & famely
Andro Armor	Isaac m^{c} Allester	Isaac m^{c}Allester & famely
Isaac Cockran	Abrahm How Jur	Abel Woodart & famely
Sam^{ll} Allison jur	Silas Whealor	David Warrin & famely
Archibell Dunlap	Benj^{a} m^{c}Allester	Benidick Webber & famely
John Gilmore	Capt Joseph Biglo	Benj^{a} Tucker & famely
Sam^{ll} Steel	J : Blanch^{d} D : free	Duety free rite
Robart Allen	Jonathun Blanchard Esqr	by Jonathan Goodenow
James moore	J : Blanch^{d} Duety free	Duety free rite
Thomas m^{c}Clary	Jona Green	Jon^{a} Shaw & famely
James Willson jur	Daniel Herrington	Jona Herrington & famly
John morison	Jon^{a} Bond	Silas Hooker no Famelly
John Willson	John Woods	James Croasman & famely
Sam^{ll} Witchel	John Taylor	Thaddes Hastins Singl man
Sam^{ll} Cockran	Stephen How	James Bruer & famely
James morrison	Wm Badkock	Benj^{a} Tucker jur & famely
Hugh mo^{t}gomory	J : Blanch : Due : free	Duety free Rite
John moore	Capt Jesse Rice	Richard Robards & famely
Robart moore	Silas Gates	Stephen Church Sing^{l} man
Samuell Willson	muning Sawing	Sam^{ll} Bishup & famely
Thomas morrison	Ebenezer Dexter	
David morrison	Daniel Goodnow	Daniel goodnow & famy
Robart Clarck	Josiah Stow	Joseph Collins & famely
John Cockran	Ebenezer Joslin	Willam Barker & famely
Sam^{ll} Allson	Ebenezer Dexter	Silas Fife Singel man

Esqr Jaffery Sir I have given you on the other Side of the leaf as neare account as I Can Consarning our Setlment and of the Number of famelyes that are in the town as Setlers and have left those Rights blanck that are not Settled and as you desired to know what we had don Consarning a meeting House are as folers viz we have granted money for that purpos and have agread with a man to Set us up a house fifty feat long & forty wide and obliged him by bond to have it redy to raise by the begining of Sepetembor Next and We are giting boards Shingles & Clabboards to Cover it as Soon as it is up and the Commity that was Chosen by the Proprioators to pick out A Spot to Set the meeting house on have agread on a Spot if you gentilmen Lord Proprioaters Consent their to for according to our Chartor you are to have a voise with us in that afair and Sir if you woold take so much Notes of our letter as to Send an anser to it Consaring our Meeting House Spot I Shall take it as a grate favour and Sir you will Sea that Thomas morrisons Right is not Setled it belonged to Dock^{tr} Dexter our formor Clarck who is deseas^{t} and his Wido Cant dispoas of the land til She has leav from the coart and as soon as shea Can git liberty to Sel Shea has agread with a man for one of the Lots belonging to that right who is to go on with a famely and if Shea may have that liberty and hir land Not taken from hir; for by Chartor it is forfited into the hands of the Grantors and Now according to Chartor at their dispoasel but I hope thay will Consider hir Case and give hir one year more to do hir duty in & Helbort morrisons right their is one or two ackers of land Cleard Last foal and Soad with grane & I hear that the man that has begun their in tends Next Sumer to bild and Com their to Live with a famely which I Suppoase will be don if Nothing Extroadny hapens No more at present but I Remain youre moast humbel sarvent at Command

Benj^{a} Tucker

[*Votes of Proprietors of Marlborough*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 131.]

Jan ye 3 : 1770

ye Propriator of mond N° 5 being legally warnd met at ye house of Bej Tucker and voted on ye following articles 1^{ly} Chose Benj^{a} Tucker moderator 2^{ly} Chose Benj^{a} Tucker clark for Sd Prop 3^{ly} voted to Dismiss all former officers voted Benj^{a} Tucker firs assessor voted Jos Collins Second voted Daniel goodenough ye 3 asesor voted Charles Biglow Collector voted Benj^{a} Tucker treasurer 4^{ly} voted to Dismiss all former committees voted Benj^{a} Tucker Daniel goodenough John

Blood Josep Collins Moses Goddard to be a committee to lay out and Repair convenient and nessary Roads voted Benj[a] Tucker Joseph Collins David warrin be a committee to look out a buring place voted Isaac M[c]allester Daniel Goodenough Charles Biglow Be a committe to Preambilate y[e] lines of Sd township voted John Weeks Charles Biglow Jonathan Bond Be a committee to Recken with the former treasurer voted David Warrin Isaac M[c]Allester Silas Gates Be a committee for drawing money out of y[e] treasury voted Joseph Collins David warrin John Felton Be a com to Receive y[e] Bonds for y[e] school money and Receive y[e] intrest money y[e] 5 article Past over 6[ly] voted to Build a meeting house forty five feet long and Eight and thirty wide voted to Except of a Subscription of moses Tucker Joshua Tucker Abijah Tucker moses goddard Richard tozer John Felton Jedediah Tayntor Benj[a] Tucker Jur Jedediah maynod Stephen Church Josep collins Provided y[e] Subscribers will give Bonds to compleat their Subscription to the committee to y[t] Shall Be chosen to Build y[e] meeting house voted Benj[a] Tucker Daniel Goodenough Josep Collins Jonah Herrington Moses Goddard James Brewer Isaac M[c]allester Be a committee for building y[e] meeting house and voted to Raise ten Dollers on Each Prop Right for to Build a meeting house voted y[t] y[e] committee y[t] are appointed to Build y[e] meeting house are impowerd to notify y[e] lord Propriators and Request their voice where it shal Be set 7[ly] Past over 8[ly] voted John weeks Charles Biglow Daniel Herrington Be a committee to assist y[e] clark in Receiveing y[e] Books and Papers and Recording Such things as have Been Neglected by y[e] former clark: voted on y[e] fifth article to Except accompts and voted not to Raise any money for y[e] high ways under y[e] 8 voted to confeirm all former votes and meetings Excepting one meeting held at y[e] house of Cypron how in marlborough in y[e] Province of y[e] massachusets Bay in y[e] year one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Eight voted Past over y[e] 9 article 10[ly] voted y[t] Every man shall vote in their meetings according to their intrest in sd township

Voted y[t] y[e] owners of one Sixteenth Part of y[e] lands in sad township Requesting y[e] clark to call a meeting he shall Be obliged to Do it By Posting a notificaton in Sd township and in marlboroug at some Publick Place near y[e] Senter of Sd town

all y[e] officers and committees Sworn to their Respective offices Excepting John week Jonah herrington John Blood and James Brewer

[*Petition of Committee for Locating Meeting House*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 133.]

Mr George Jaffrey

We the Subscribers being Chosen A committee By the Grantees of Monadnock No 5 to Build a meeting House for Publick Worship and likewise to acquaint the Grantors of Said township of the Preceedings in that affair and Request their voice in it Agreable to the Charter of The Grantors—We have therefore According to our Judgment Chosen the Best Spot to Set A meeting house on Neighest the Center of S'd Town Both in Respect of the Grantors And the Grantees and Request the Grantors to Come and Give their Consent to it if they think Proper or Signify their Minds to us any way as they Shall think Proper—

We Being informed mr Jaffrey was Clark for the grantors of Said Township we have Presumed to Send the Above Request to him and hope his favour in laying the Request Before the Grantors and his Doing the Same and acquainting us of their minds will greatly oblige the grantees and us yr Humble Servts

Monadnock No 5 Janry ye 11:1770

Benja Tucker	Daniel Goodenough	Joseph Collins
Isaac Mcallester	Moses Goddard	James Brewer
	Jonah Harrington	

[*Votes of Proprietors of Marlborough*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 133.]

Att a meeting of the Proprietors of Monadnock No five Legally Warned and held att the house of mr Jonah Herrington on wednesday the Eighteenth of April 1770—

1ly Chose Capt Jesse Rice moderator—

on ye (2) artical in S'd warrant Past to Reconsider what was Done Conserning a meeting house in the last meeting

votd to Dismiss ye Committee to Build ye meeting house

voted to chuse a committee of five men to Build ye New meeting house

and votd that Benja Tucker Daniel Goodnow Joseph Collins moses goddard and Isaac McAllester be the committee to Build ye meeting house but they one and all refused having any consern with it—

under ye 3 article votd to Reconsider ye former vote conserning a meeting house and voted to have one 30 feet square without the help

of Subscription under ye 4 artical voted to chuse a committee to lay out a road over the South Branch and Build a bridg over ye Same and voted that James Brewer william Barker and Silas fife be a committee to lay out ye Road and build ye Bridg over ye Branch—

under ye 5 Artical voted to Dismiss ye Committee chosen to take Care of ye Bonds Concerning ye School money and made choice of Capt Jesse Rice Daniel Herrington and william Barker trustees for to take care of that money under ye 6 : article voted to Dissmiss ye former committee that was appointed to lay out and clear Roads and voted to chuse five men for a new committee voted David whelor Samuel Bishshop Jonah Herrington Be a committee for ye Purposes aforesd voted to Pass over ye 7 article under ye 8 : article voted to Raise two Dollers on Each Prot Right to be laid out in ye Roads under ye 9 : artical voted to chuse a committee of 3 men for Sail of lands chose Charles Biglow Jonathan Shaw and James Tiffaney ye 10 voted to Recive accomps under ye 11 : voted to Chuse a committee to make use of the intrest money in Schooling the children and choase william Barker Isaac M^c^allester and Richard Roberds for that Purpose ye 12 : voted to Chuse a committee of five men to Raise ye meeting house and voted that moses Cinney Samuel Bishshop Jonathan Shaw Joseph Peck and Silas fife to be a committee for that Purpose

Jesse Rice moderator

[*Account of Settlements in Marlborough*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 134.]

an acompt of ye Settlements In monadnock N^o^ five Carled New marlborough In ye province of New Hampshire

Dra^t^	1	Thomas Willson—	Settled by Thomas Riggs
	2	Henry Neal—	
	3	James Lyan—	Settled by Joshua Tucker
	4	Thomas Cochran—	Settled by Jams Tiffany
	5	William Gilmore—	Settled by Richard Tozer
	6	Robert Wilson—	Settled by William Adams
	7	John Warson—	Settled by Joseph peck
	8	Halbart morroson—	Jonathan Nicholds made Sum Improvement
	9	Samuel morrison—	Settled by John Fulton
	10	Andrew Armer—	Settled by Isaac m^c^Allester
	11	Isaac Cochran—	Settled by Abel Woodart
	12	Samuel Allison—	Settled by David Warrin

13	Archabel Dunlap—	Settled by Bennideck Webber
14	John Gilmore—	Settled by Benjamin Tucker
15	Samuel Steel—	Called Duty free
16	Robert Allen—	Settled by Jonathan Goodenow
17	James moor—	Called Duty free
18	Thomas m^{c}Clary—	Settled by Jonathan Shaw
19	James Wilson—	Settled by Jonah Harrington
20	John morison—	Silas Hooker made Sum Improvements
21	John Wilson—	Settled by James Crossman
22	Samuel mitchel—	Thaddeas Hastings made Sum Improvement
23	Samuel Cochran—	Settled by James Brewer
24	James morrison—	Settled by Benjamin Tucker Junr
25	Hugh mongommory—	Called Duty free
26	John moor—	Settled by Richard Robards
27	Robert moor—	Settled by Stephen Church Singelman one acree Improved Sum acrees Girdled
28	Samuel Wilson—	Settled by Samuel Bishop
29	Thomas morrison—	
30	David morrison—	Settled by Daniel Goodenow
31	Robert Clark—	Settled by Joseph Collins
32	John Cochran—	Settled by William Barker
33	Samuel Allison—	Settled by Silas Fife

James Wilson Senr have one Single Share Containing one hundred and Fifty acres no Duty to be Don Sooner than The Larst Dutys on the Dubbel Shares Which Contains Fore hundred and Fifty acres to Each Share—

In monadnock N^{o} five

[*Benjamin Tucker to George Jaffrey*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 135.]

Portsmouth April ye 27th 1770—

Esqr Jaffrey sir these with my due regards to you hopeing thay may meet you in good halth and sir I woold in forme you that I made a jorney to Ports^{h} on porpus to Sea youre self with Som others of the jentel men Granttors of our town ship monadnock No 5 but my fortin happins to be heare when Esqr Jaffrey is not at hom which I am Exeding Sorrey for for I much wanted to Sea the Esqr

and to advise with him Consarning the afarirs of our town for I reseved a leter from the Esqr Last wintor whare in he desired me to return him an anser Consarning the setlement of our township which anser I had roat Sum time a go but haveing No oppertuenety to Send it I mad this jorney to bring it with a leter from a commity Chosen to buld our meeting house desireing the jentlemen Grantors of our town to give their advise whare our meeting house shall stand which thay have a Rite by Chartor to do and Sir you will sea in my anser to youre leter that we had agread to buld a meeting house and how Large and when to be ready to Raise but I must now let you know that: that part of my anser is unSartin for their is a Noumber that has aroas up and Called a nother meeting the 18 of this month and Reconsidred what was don at our meeting ye 3 of janurey last after they ware Recorded on boock & say thay will not have this meeting house so large but will have one 30 feet square and thay dismest the Commity that was appoint to buld the meting house that I give you anacount of in my anser to youre self and have not got aney Commity to buld the 30 fut meeting house and we are now in a bad situation Consarning our meting house for the woorkman that we agread with to buld the House 40 feat wide & 50 long has Cut the Cheaf of the great timbor and hued the Long Sticks and thay are drawed to gether whare we expect the house will stand and ye Commity has Entred into bonds to sea ye worckman paid by the first of September Next & have taken bond of him wheare in he is abliged to have the house ready to Rais by that time & the Commity ware obliged to draw all the timbor to the Spot & to find all the Slit worck at ye Spot but sence they are dismist by the Last meeting from that offis thay think and Say thay have no firther Consarn with it which if that meeting Stands good it must be So and when ye woorckman has hued all the timbor he must stop his hand for he will find No man to draw it to geather for him and their is no body aney power to a greay with him to Stop & not to purseade aney firther in this affair as things now Stand & I woold Let the Esqr know that it was by reason of 3 or 4 parsons giveing power to Capt Jesse Rise & mr Daniel Herrington both of morlbrough to act for them was the meanes of bringing us into this bad sittuation and thay are thoase parsons that are the most behind as to Settelling viz the Rite of Hennery Neel & Robart Allen & thomas morrison with ye three Duety free Rites which belong to old maddam Blanchor & others of that famley Which you will Sea in my anser to youre leter how I have returned them and in whoes hands thay are now in the Rite of Tomes morrison which is now in the hands of the wido Dexter you will Sea in my anser to you that I roat in hir favour but in as much

as She has impower[d] those men to act in hir behalef to the damige of our town I have No more to say in hir behalef and Sir if you woold be So kind as to git the gentil men grantors to geather as soon as may be and Lay ouer Case before them and Sea if thay will take So much Notes of us as to give us their advise in all affairs Consarning our town and wheather that meeting be good whare in thay disannuled what was don before & put on Recoard allso to Sea what methoad thay will Come into in ordor to joyn with us on a Spot to Set our meeting house if we Ever agree to buld one for we want to Clear up y[e] spot to Set it No more at present So I remain youre humbel Sarvent att Command—

Benj[a] Tucker

P S Sir I have left Som papors in y[e] hand of Coll[o] Atkison for youre self & Sir mr mors of Dublin gives his Sarvis to youer Self & desired me to in form you that he reseved youre Leter Last fryday whare in you desired him to return to you a tru account of their Setlement which he woold do as soon as posabel he Could & Sir in my anser to youre Letter I did not Set forth to you the Noumber of acors that itch man had got Cleard but their is not above 2 or 3 but what has got more land Cleard then the Chartor Required—

[*Benjamin Tucker to George Jaffrey*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 136.]

Monadnock No five may y[e] 29th 1770

Esqr Jeffry Sir I Roat to you in a Letter when I was at Poartsmouth that we met with som Difficalty about our Meeting house and that the Commity that was appointed to bild it was dismist and their was Non to Carry on the worck but we have had a meeting Sence and have mad Choise of the old Comity a gin and the house is Like to go on as it was first Purposed to be and if the gentel men grantors woold take So much Notes of our Letter as to appoint Som man or men as thay shall think proper to Com and Sea the Spot that we have Chosen to Set the Meeting house on and give their Consent if thay think proper for we want to Cleare it up as soon as may be for we Cant Draw the timber to to the Spot til the Land is Cleard up and Sir what I Roat to you Consarning the Rights that ware Not Setled according to Chartor Stil remain So as far as I know Exepting the Rite of Halb[t] morison their is a man daly at worck and has got his Famley to Swonsy naer by his worck and desines to bring them in to town as soon as he can git a house up to put them in and Sir you Roat to me

in youre Leter that I Should be paid for my troubel but as for that I Leave with you to do as you think proper I was Exeding Sorry that Esqr Jeffry was not at hom for I wanted much to Sea him but was disappointed No more at present So I remain youre humbel sarvant at Command

Benj[a] Tucker

[*Benjamin Tucker to George Jaffrey*, 1772.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 137.]

monadnock No five Febr[u] y[e] 1th 1772—

Esqr Jef[r] Sir you Roat to me two years ago desireing to know how far we had Setled our town according to Chartor and I Sent you an anser back how it was with us at that time as to Setlers their was 2 or 3 wanting then & their is 2 rites now that their is no Setler on and according to our Chartor their Should be on 17 rites a seckent Setler with a house and 5 Acors of Land Cleared and their is the biger halef of them has Complied with them tairms viz Som of them are on and others have begun and are like to Com in this year but their is 7 or 8 that are in No Prepration as I kno of and if Esqr Jefe[ys] woold do So much in the Name of the Grantors as to rite a leter to be red at som of our meetings it mite be of Sarvis to Stir up those men that are behind of their duety and sir mr Bread Batcheldor in formed me lately that the Lord Prop[ts] Could not Com to a devishan betwen them Selves for want of a Plan and schedule which I thoat thay had Long ago for we have paid for the draft and transpoart of them onse or twise in time past but if thay have faild and are now wanting I will do my Indeavour that our Clarck Shall Send them and sir if you should Com to a devishan Quick I Should be glad to have the Refuesal of one Lot viz No 31 it Lyes verey handy to my house and worth more for me than aney other man it is not fit to mak a farm on by reason of its being very Stoney but will make good paster Land and sir their is a peace of medo in one of youre Lots that has bin moad by mr Isaac m[c] Allister Ever Sence the Town has bin Setled but he has Soald his intrest in the Town and it is unsarting wheather he will by in the Town a gin or not and if he Should move out of town or in aney other part of the Town So that the medo will not be handy to him I Shall take it as a favour to have the Liberty to mo it before aney other man and Sir I woold in form you that we have got our meeting House up & Shingled but Not Clabboarded and if the gentil men granthirs woold be So kind as to give us liberty to cut som timber on your Land to make Clabboards on I should be much obliged

to them and take it as a favour Sir please to Send the with in Cloased to Boston to mr Wintroop I Shall be much obliged to you and remain your humbel sarvant at Command

Benj[a] Tucker

[*Reserved Lots*, 1779.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Feb. 2, 1779.]

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth February 2[d] 1779 Tuesday Three of the Clock afternoon at the House of m[r] John Penhallow improved by him as a Store the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas the Grantees of Manadnock N° 5 have Returnd a Schedule of the Draft of the Lots in said N° 5 and also the Draft of the Lotts drawn for the Grantor's Reservation in said N° 5, which Lotts have not been drawn for and Severed to said Proprietors, and the Draft or Severance of the same being Requested by many of the Inhabitants of said N° 5 the Proprietors Resolve and Therefore—Voted the Draft of said Reserved Lotts be now made for the Proprietors, and the Lotts as drawn to Each Proprietor's Right, Shall be Entered as Drawn, and Shall be a Severance of the Same to Each Proprietor their heirs and Assigns—

The two Lotts to each Proprietors Reservation as returned by the Grantees—are drawn as follows' viz[t]—

drawn 1st	To Theodore Atkinson Esq[r]	N° 3—2[d] Range	N° 6—4th Range
2	Solly & March	N° 3—6th Range	N° 2—1st Range
3	Thomlinson & Mason	N° 21—	N° 8—
4	Jotham Odiorne Esq[r]	N° 79—	N° 76—
5	Richard Wibird Esq[r]	N° 4—2[d] Range	N° 29—
6	Thomas Packer Esq[r]	N° 86—	N° 45—
7	Meserve Blanchard & C°	N° 99—	N° 66—
8	Thomas Walingford Esq[r]	N° 4—	N° 11—
9	Joshua Peirce Esq[r]	N° 12—5th Range	N° 63—
10	Mark Hunk[s] Wentworth Esq[r]	N° 4—4th Range	N° 8—1 Range
11	John Rindge	N° 6—3[d] Range	N° 16—
12	George Jaffrey Esq[r]	N° 77—	N° 19—
13	John Wentworth Esq[r]	N° 11 4th Range	N° 28—
14	John Moffatt Esq[r]	N° 2—6th Range	N° 74—
15	Peirce & Moore	N° 87—	N° 31—

Eight Lotts in the Ranges, in this Draft of the Lots—being misrepresented, and were before drawn for, to the Grantees—the Error is rectifyed, by a Vote and another Draft of Eight Lots Sept[r] 29, 1779—Pages 42 & 43—

[*Previous Draft Rectified*, 1779.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Sept. 29, 1779.]

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth September 29th 1779 Wednesday three of the Clock afternoon at the House improved by mr John Penhallow as a Store the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

Whereas the Grantees of a Tract of Land called Manadnock N° 5—had returned to Proprietors the Grantors a Schedule of the Draft of Lotts of the Grantees of Said Tract of Land, with a Draft of thirty Lotts for the Grantors Reservation, attested by Ebenezer Dexter Proprs Clerk of Said Manadnock N° 5—and as the Inhabitants of Said Manadnock N° 5—(now called New Marlborough) have earnestly requested the Proprietors the Grantors, to make a Severance of the Said thirty reserved Lotts, to each Proprietors Right or share—The Proprietors aforesaid on the Second day of February 1779—resolved and voted that a Draft and Severance of the aforesaid thirty Lotts for their Reservation in Said Tract of land be then made—the Said thirty Lotts were then drawn to each Proprietors Right and entered accordingly for each Proprietors Right or Share in Severance

But it appearing Since the drawing and Severance of Said thirty Lots by the Proprietors on the 2d day of February last, that the Said Dexter had made a mistake in returning eight Lotts of the thirty, for the Proprietors, the Grantors reservation, which were drawn to the Right of the Grantees—and have been long Since improved—It is now resolved and Voted that those Proprietors who had either of said eight Lotts drawn to his share do now relinquish his right to the Same, and now draw for another Lot which doth not appear to be appropriated either to Grantor or Grantee of Said Tract of Land—and as drawn to Said Proprietor, shall be a Severance of the same to his Right or Share in Said Manadnock N° 5, and in full Satisfaction for the Mistaken Lot drawn to his Right on the 2d day of February aforesaid—

In Pursuance of the above Vote the following Lotts were drawn to the Rights or shares of the Proprietors to whose Rights the eight mistaken Lotts were drawn on Said Second day of February—vizt

To Theodore Atkinson Esqrs—Right Lot N° 4 in 5th Range instead of Lot N° 3 in 2d Range

To Solly & March's Right Lot N° 12—in 6th Range instead of N° 3—in 6th Range

To Richard Wibird Esqrs Right Lot N° 4 in 3d Range instead of Lot N° 4 in 2d Range—

To Joshua Peirce Esqrs Right Lot N° 2 in 7th Range instead of Lot N° 12 in 5th Range

To Mark H^{g} Wentworth Esq^{rs} Right—Lot N° 3 in 3^{d} Range instead of Lot N° 4 in 4th Range—

To Mr John Rindge's Right Lot N° 3 in 7th Range instead of Lot N° 6 in 3^{d} Range—

To John Wentworth Esq^{rs} Right Lot N° 9 in 5th Range instead of Lot N° 11 in 4th Range—

To John Moffatt Esq^{rs} Right—Lot N° 11 in 5th Range instead of Lot N° 2 in 6th Range

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MARLOW.

[Granted as *Addison* Jan. 1, 1753, to Elias Alexander and others. Regranted as Marlow Oct. 7, 1761, to William Noyes and others. The charter was renewed Jan. 24, 1772. All that part of the town east of the "Curve Line" was annexed to Stoddard June 21, 1797.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 546; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 397, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 572; Index to Laws, 334; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 314; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 311; Something about Marlow, by G. B. Griffith, 4, Granite Monthly, 61; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 8; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 283.]

[*Petition of William Matson*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 138.]

Province of New Hampshir } To the Honble Proprietors of Masons Patent in Said Province—

The Hum^{ble} Petition of William Matson of Marlow in Said Province Yeoman in behalf of himself and Other Proprietors of said Marlow Sheweth, that In the Year A D. 1761 a Grant was made by the Late Governor of Said Province to your Petitioner and his Constituents of Said Marlow Bounded as follows Viz^{t} Beginning at the South Easterly Corner of a Township formerly granted by the name of New Town Thence running North by the Needle Six miles one Hundred ninety two Rods to a Stake and Stones Thence East by the Needle Six miles and Three Quarters of a mile to a Stake and Stones, Thence South twenty Degrees West Six miles two Hunded Eighty Eight Rods to a Stake and Stones, Thence West by the Needle four miles one Hundred twenty Eight Rods to the Bounds first mention'd. In Consequence of which Said grant the Proprietors of Said Marlow have Settled a large

number of families there, expended a great part of their Substance in Clearing Subduing Cultivating and Settling said Marlow, in expectation of their being within Bounds under the Crown—

But to the great Surprize of the Proprietors of said Marlow, The Patent Line according to a Late running includes one mile one Hundred twenty two Rods in Breadth and more than Six miles in Length of Said Marlow, upon which last mention'd part of Said Marlow taken of by the now Patent Line were Settled four families before the late running of Said Line and many other Persons there were and are Clearing and Settling other Rights included within Said Line tho' within Bounds of said Marlow as Originally granted and Laid out in the year afors[d] And as the depriving the Proprietors of said Marlow of the Land within Said Patent Line, would render the Residue of said Township very inconsiderable and almost useless to them as it would entirely defeat the design and purpose of a Town, it would not only deprive them of the property in and Benefit of their Settlements and Labour in that particular part of said Marlow But Effectually Discourage and Obstruct the Settlement of the whole for the above Reasons and numberless others that might be Offer'd—

Your Petitioner in behalf of himself and Prop[rs] of Said Marlow prays that your Honours wo'd Consider their Case as peculiar and quiet 'em under you in the Possession of all the Said Land which the Said patent Line includes, granted as aforsaid to Said Marlow, upon such Conditions, Restrictions, and Limitations as your Honours think reasonable and your Petitioner shall ever pray—

Sep[r] 16th 1769 William Matson { Agent for Prop[rs] of Marlow

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[*Samuel Gustin to Proprietors*, 1772.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 140.]

Marlow June 25th 1772

To the Honorabe Committey of the Preprietors of Masons Patent wishing you all Grace &c

Sur[s] I was at Portsmouth with you Last Jenewary as an agent of the Proprietors of marlow with mr Matson on the aCount of that Land that the Pattnt Line Had taken of from the s[d] Town of Marlow and I thought that I had full Encurigement from your selves and from all the Proprietors of s[d] Patent that I saw I was surely Expecting that the Propriety of marlow would have the Land So taken of by the Pattent Loyn Secured to them on Such Tearms as would be

Honoriabel and still will Hope for the Same & I have Late Recved a Letter from Cap[t] Georg King that it was to be obtained by a Reserve of one fifteenth Part and then to Give a deed of the Rest but this week I Have seen Capt Kneel and His orders of Runing the Loyns and by them I sospect that the matter Is by the Honoriabel Committe other ways Determined but yet Hoping that our Pettishon for said Land will Come Into Rememberance with you so that Said Land may be Grantd and Confirmed to us on Such Tearms as may be Honorabel to your Lordships and Gracius to us your most obedant and Dependent Potishenors from your Humbel servent

Sam[ll] Gustin { agent for the proprietors of Marlow

P[s] Mr Matson is Now absent

To Mr Peter Pearce

Sur if there is any Posebelity that we may Have the Land Granted to us as Proprietors I Pray you to send me a Line and if it should be other ways Detarmened I would be Glad to be Informed Howitis Sur ablige me with a few Lines and I shall be Humbely abliged to you self there for thes from your Most obedent—

Sam[ll] Gustin

[*Statement of William Matson.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 141.]

Improvements made by the Propietrs of marlow and the Settlers under them in that part of sd marlow now Claimd by the Propietrs of manadnoc N° 7 alias Limrick—according to a late running of the Patentine Line

The Propietrs of marlow had Seteled before the runing Said Line four families and five Pasons besids who had made very Considreable Improvements in that Part of Said marlow now claimed by said Limbrick that y[e] Proietrs of Said Limbrick Sence thay Claimed the Lands mentiond in the Petition Exhibited by the agent for Said marlow taken from Said marlow by Said late Running have not made the least Improvements or Settlements upon any Part thare of (*and that the Propietrs of Said Limbrick have thare full measure Without taking the Lands originally granted to the Propietrs of Said marlow*

Asarted by me— William matson

with respect to what is Said above relative to N° 7 having their full Measure he Says he had by Information from one of the Grantees of the s[d] N° (7) & that he had never measured it

After examining into Circumstances of the affair relative to the dispute between Marlow & N° (7) tis determined at this Meeting 21 June 1770 to acquaint the Grantees of Marlow that those Persons that are now Setled under Marlow Title if the Land where this dispute is belongs to Masons Propriety—no Settler need be distressd about an agreem^{t} with this Propriety they will doubtless be Quieted upon very reasonable Terms—and upon ye Proposal of said Matson (in case the Township of Monadnock N° 7 is declared forfeited by ye present Grantees) of engaging to have Settled 30 Fam^{s} to come from Connecticut within 3 years and giving bond for ye performance—Said Matson &^{c} is to be preferr'd to other settlers to have notice sent him ℔ Post to ye Town of Lyme in Connecticut

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MASON.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors as *Number* 1, Nov. 1, 1749, to William Lawrence and others. Incorporated as Mason, Aug. 26, 1768, and named in honor of Capt. John Mason. The inhabitants voted, June 22, 1768, to call the town "Sharon," but the Governor named it Mason. Greenville was set off and incorporated, June 28, 1872. The line with Greenville was established, July 2, 1873.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; papers under title Groton (old grant) in Massachusetts charters preceding; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 577; Index to Laws, 336; History, by John B. Hill, 1858, pp. 323; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 513; Two Lectures on History of Mason, by Ebenezer Hill, 1846, pp. 16; Memoir of Rev. Ebenezer Hill, with his discourse on history of the town, by John B. Hill, 1858, pp. 114; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 11, 20; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 206, 209; Centennial Celebration, 1868, pub. 1870, pp. 115; Celebrations, 23, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 354.]

[*Charter of Mason*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 143. and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 67.]

Province of } PURSUANT to the Power and Authority Granted &
New Hamps^{r} } vested in me by the Prop^{rs} of Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq in the Province of New Hamp^{r} by their vote passed at their meeting held at Portsmouth in s^{d} Province the 16th day of June 1749.—

I do by these Presents give and grant all the Right Title Interest property & possession of the Prop^{rs} afores^{d} Unto William Lawrence

Esq Peter Powers Eleazer Blanchard John Goffe Esq David Adams Paul March Phillip Olerick Eleazer Farwell John Stevens Nathaniel Meserve Junr Peter Powers Junr Joseph Blodget John Butterfield Jonathan Powers Junr Zacheus Lovewell Jonathan Hubburd John Varnam Jonah Brown John Jennison Joseph Blanchard Junr Elnathan Blood Mr Thomas Parker Jonathan Hubburd Junr Clement March Robert Fletcher Junr Israel Hubburd Amasa Parker Jacob Goold Benjamin Parker David Stearns Thomas Tarble Samuel Tarble Shadreck Whitney & Edward Jewell of in And to all that part of a Township or tract of Land in the Province of New Hamp^{r} afores^{d} containing About twenty Seven Square miles Bounded as followeth Begining at a Stake and Stones the South east Corner of the Premises and runs North Eighty degrees west five miles and Twenty rods by the Province line to New Ipswich Corner from thence north by the Needle five miles to a White pine Marked from thence East by the needle five miles to a hemlock tree Marked from thence South by the Needle to the first Bounds Mentioned Which said Township is lay'd out drawn for and Assertained to Each Grantee Respectively with two Lotts for encouragement of Building of mills And three Shares for publick uses One for the first Settled minister one for the ministry And One for the School there forever Which S^{d} Shares and lotts to be the Same as already drawn & entered in the Schedule and plan hereunto Annexed unto them Respectively And to their heirs And Assigns To Have & To Hold on the following terms Conditions & Limitations And on them only That is to Say That a Meeting house be built as near the Centre of S^{d} Town as by the Grantees shall be Judged most Convenient And that Where Such place Shall be agreed on Six Acres Shall be Reserved for publick Uses.—That the Remaining Lands not entered in the Schedule And plan afores^{d} to the Grantees Specified, and within the Bounds of the township afores^{d} be And hereby are Reserved to and for the Use of ye Grantors their heirs and Assigns forever free and Clere from all Charge tax or Incombrance of Setlement untill their or any of their parts Respectively are Improved by them or Some holding Under them—

That the Aforenamed Grantees exclusive of the three publick lotts Shall Carry on Perform And Make Setlement at their Own Expence in the Following manner, vizt that there be all necessary Hyways lay'd out in S^{d} Town where they will be most Convenient without any pay or Allowance to Grantors or Grantees Through Whose Lands the Same Shall go.

That the Grantees Build a house for the Publick worship of God there at or before the last day of May 1753 for the Use of those who Shall then or Afterwards Inhabit there.

That there be On Some One lott of each of forty Shares Belonging to the Grantees three Acres Clered Inclosed & Fitted for mowing or tillage (so Far as is Profitable at or Before the Last Day of Novr 1751 and each of Said Lotts to be Clered as afores^{d} to be Settled with Haveing a house of Sixteen feet Square at the Least and Seven feet Stud or more with a Chymney and Celler finished and fitted for Dwelling therein at or Before the Last Day of may 1752 and Some person or Family Inhabiting & Residant in s^{d} House and they or Some Others In Each of their Steads Continue Residancy there Untill the Last Day of may 1755

That the owners of Each of the S^{d} Forty setling Shares have on Each of their Rights Respectively three acres more in Like manner fitted at or Before the Last Day of Novr 1752 and the Like Quantity Annualy for two Yeares then Next Coming

That the remaining Shares vizt the Shares of Jon^{a} Hubbard Benj^{a} Parker Nathan^{l} Meserve Junr Jon^{h} Brown John Genison Eleaz^{r} Blanchard be Excuesed from the Duty of Building Improving or Setling Untill the Last day of Novr 1755 and then to have the Whole Duty perform^{d} as Others at that Time

That Each of the Said Grantees at the Executing this Instrum^{t} pay thirty pounds Cash Old Ten^{r} to defrey the Necessary Charges Risen and Ariseing in bringing forward the Setlement to be Deposited in the hands of Such Person as they Shall appoint Being a freeholder and Residant in this Province that the Afores^{d} Grantees or their Assignes Assess Such further Sums of money Equally In Proportion to their Right on the Share of Each Grantee exclusive of the three Publick lotts as may be tho^{t} Necessary for Carrying on and Compleating any of the Publick matters in Makeing the setlem^{t} afores^{d} or for heering Preaching and on failure of paym^{t} for the Space of three months after Such Tax or Assessm^{t} is agreed upon and posted up at Such place or places as the Prop^{rs} the Grantees Shall appoint to give Notice for Calling Prop^{rs} meetings that so much of Such Delinq^{ts} Lands & Right Respectively Shall and may be Disposed of as will pay Such Tax or Taxes and All Charges arising thereon by a Com^{tee} Choose by the Said Grantees for that Purpose, and In Case any of the S^{d} Grantees Shall neglect or Refuse to perform any of the Articles Afore mentioned he Shall Forfit his Share and Right in Said Township to those of the Grantees who Shall not then be Delinqu^{t} in the performance of the Conditions Enjoyned and It Shall and may be Lawfull for them by their agent or agents appointed by the Maj^{r} part of those not Delinq^{t} (for that purpose) to Enter into and upon the Right of Such Delinq^{t} owner and him to amove Oust and Expell for their Use their Heirs and Assignes Provided they Setle Such Delinq^{ts}

Right within the Term of one Year after the Period, that is by this Instrument Stipulated to be Done as the Condetion of the Grant and fully comply with the Whole Duty Such Delinq^{t} ought to have Done within the Term of one Year from Time to time after the Respective periods thereof, and In Case they omit Complying as Afores^{d} within that Term that all Such Delinq^{ts} Rights Shall Revert and belong to the Grantors their Heirs and Assignes free from the Incumberance of Setlem^{t} and Charge always Provded there be no Indian War within any of the Terms afores^{d} for Doing the Duty Conditioned In this Grant and In Case that Should Happen the Same time to be Allowed for the Respective matters afores^{d} After Such Impedim^{t} Shall be removed

That all White pine trees fit for masting his Majestys Royal Navy Growing on S^{d} land be and Hereby are Granted to his Majesty his Heirs and Successors forever

Lastly the Said Grantors do hereby promis to the s^{d} Grantees their Heirs & Assignes to Defend through the Law to King and Councill If Need be One Action that Shall and may be Brought against them or any nomber of them Claiming the S^{d} Lands or any part thereof by any other Title than that of the Grantors or that by Which they Hold & Derive theres from provided the Said Grantors are Avouched In to Defend the Same And In Case the Same Shall be Recovered against the Grantors the Grantees Shall Recover nothing over against the s^{d} Grantors for the Said Lands Improvements or Expence In Bring^{g} forward the Setlem^{t} and Further that they the Said Grantors will pay the Necessary Expence of time and money that any Other Person or Persons Shall be Put to by any other Suit or Suites that Shall be Brought against them or any of them the Said Grantees for tryal of the Title before One Action Shall be fully Determined In the Law In WITNESS WHEREOF I the Said Joseph Blanchard of Dunstable have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this first Day of November A D. 1749

Joseph Blanchard [L S]

A True Coppy of the Grant of Nom^{r} one Township
Attest ℘— Joseph Blanchard Junr Prop^{s} Clk

[*Draft of Lots in Mason*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 142.]

Township N° 1	Draught	N°	Range	N°	Range	N°	Range	lotts
Ministry—	1	5	7	8	7	1	17	
School—	2	6	5	6	10	7	1	
Peter Powers	4	9	1	2	6	1	5	
Eleaʳ Blanchard	5	8	1	7	8	6	8	
John Goffe Esq	6	5	8	4	4	2	2	
David Adams	7	9	2	4	5	3	6	4
Paul march	8	10	2	4	7	5	1	
Phillip Olerick	9	9	3	6	6	2	5	
Eleazer Farwell	10	5	3	2	1	1	15	
John Stevens	11	4	3	10	13	4	2	
Nathll Meserve Junr	13	9	5	9	4	6	18	
Peter Powers Junr	14	5	5	5	6	1	6	
Joseph Blodget	15	7	3	4	6	6	11	9
John Butterfield	16	7	6	4	1	7	5	
Jonathan Powers Jr	17	8	20	1	8	8	6	5
Zachs Lovewell	19	10	6	10	5	4	8	3
John Stevens	21	10	14	7	9	5	9	
William Lawrence	22	5	19	6	2	2	3	
Jonathan Hubbard	25	10	9	10	8	3	4	
Willm Lawrence	26	7	10	7	11		8	
John Varnum	27	8	10	1	1	5	4	
John Stevens	28	9	10	9	11	2	11	
Josiah Brown	29	10	10	8	3	3	5	6
John Jennison	33	10	11	8	12	6	9	
John Stevens	34	9	13	9	14	3	2	
John Stevens	35	8	11	9	9	3	3	
Mill Lotts	37	2	15	8	5			
Minister lotts	38	5	10	5	11	1	3	
Joseph Blanchard Junr	39	4	9	2	16	1	16	
Peter Powers	40	4	10	1	12	1	13	
Peter Powers	41	4	12	1	11	1	7	
Elnathan Blood	42	3	12	3	11	3	19	
Mr Thos Parker	44	6	13	1	19	3	18	
Jona Hubbard Junr	45	3	13	2	18	7	12	
Clement March	47	8	14	3	7	2	17	
Robert Fletcher Junr	49	3	14	3	15	10	20	10
Israel Hubbard	52	6	16	4	20	2	8	
Jona Hubburd Junr	53	5	16	3	20	8	16	
Amasa Parker	54	4	16	1	20	5	12	
Jonathan Hubburd Jur	55	3	16	3	17	7	14	

Township N° 1	Draught	N°	Range	N°	Range	N°	Range	lotts
Jacob Goold	56	4	14	4	18	2	12	
Will[m] Lawrence	57	5	17	8	17	7	17	
Benjamin Parker	58	6	17	2	20	7	15	
Jon[a] Hubburd	59	9	17	9	16	6	12	
David Stearns	60	9	18	2	19	8	15	
Thomas Tarble	61	8	18	4	19	4	11	
W[m] Lawrence	64	6	3	6	4	4	17	
Sam[l] Tarble	65	7	19	6	19	4	15	
Shadrack Whitney	68	3	1					7
Edward Jewell	66	6	7	3	10	1	19	

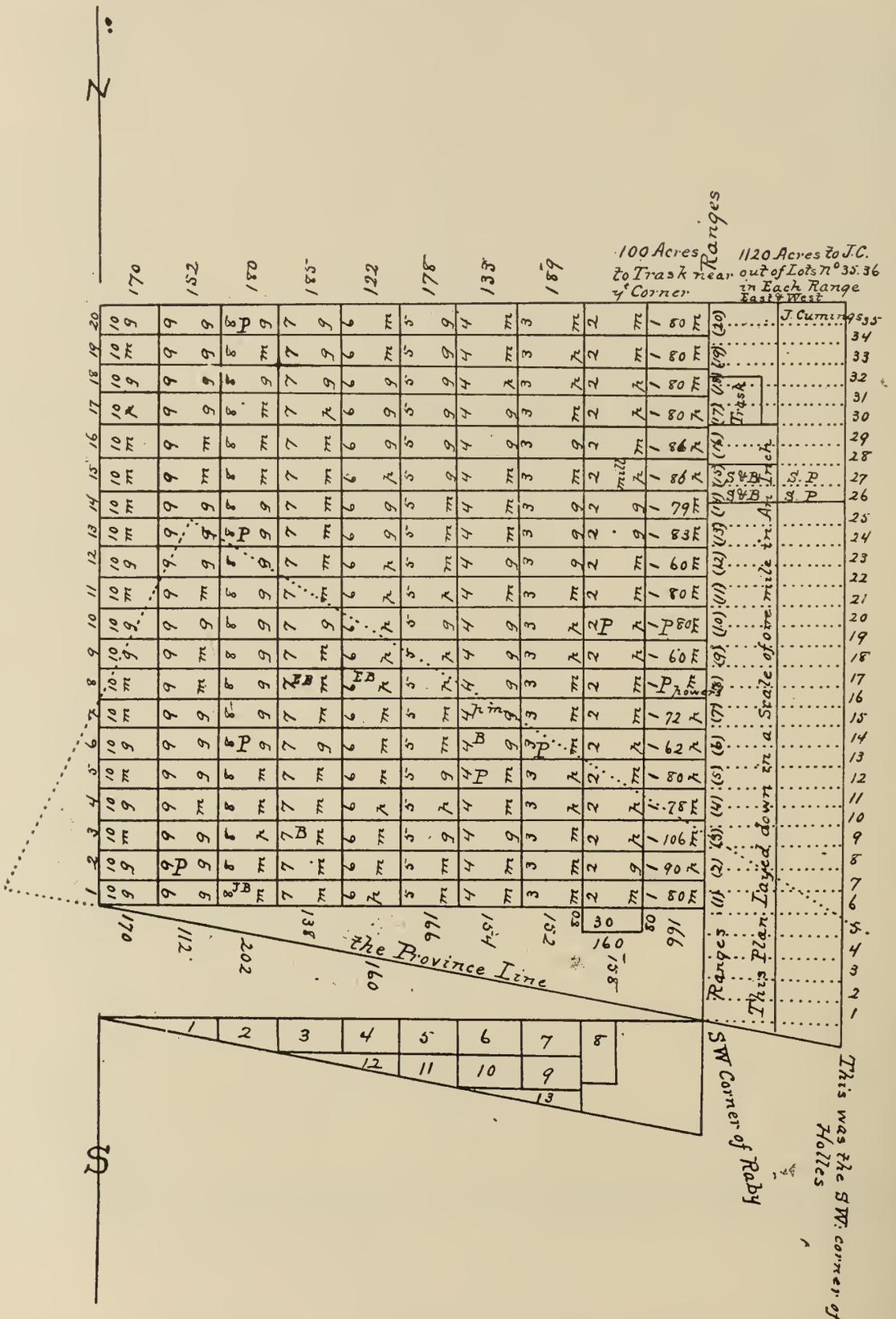
The aforegoing lotts were drawn by the Grantees, Those that follows were drawn for the Grantors, the Respective lotts each Entered Against the name

	Draught	N°	Range	N°	Range	N°	Range	lotts
George Jaffrey Esq	3	10	1	9	8	8	4	1
Thomas Wallingsford Esq	12	10	4	10	3	5	2	12
M Hunking Wentworth Esq	18	6	1	9	6	1	9	
Mathew Livermore Esq	20	10	7	9	7	1	2	
Will[m] Parker Esq	23	8	9	8	2	2	4	
John Wentworth Jun[r]	24	8	8	7	7	2	9	
Richard Wibird Esq	30	7	4	7	2	1	4	2
Jotham Odiorne	31	10	17	10	12	10	16	
Nath[ll] Meserve And Others	32	10	15	9	12	9	15	
Sam[l] Moor & Daniel Peirce	36	10	18	10	19	4	13	
Tho[s] Packer	43	8	13	1	10	2	10	11
John Tuffton Mason	46	7	20	7	13	2	13	
M Hunk[s] Wentworth	48	6	14	5	14	2	7	
Sam[l] Solley & Clem[t] March	50	5	13	6	20	1	14	
John Moffatt	51	5	15	8	19	3	9	
Joseph Blanchard	62	7	18	7	16	2	14	
Theodore Atkinson	63	5	18	5	20	3	8	13
Joshua Peirce	67	9	19	9	20	6	15	

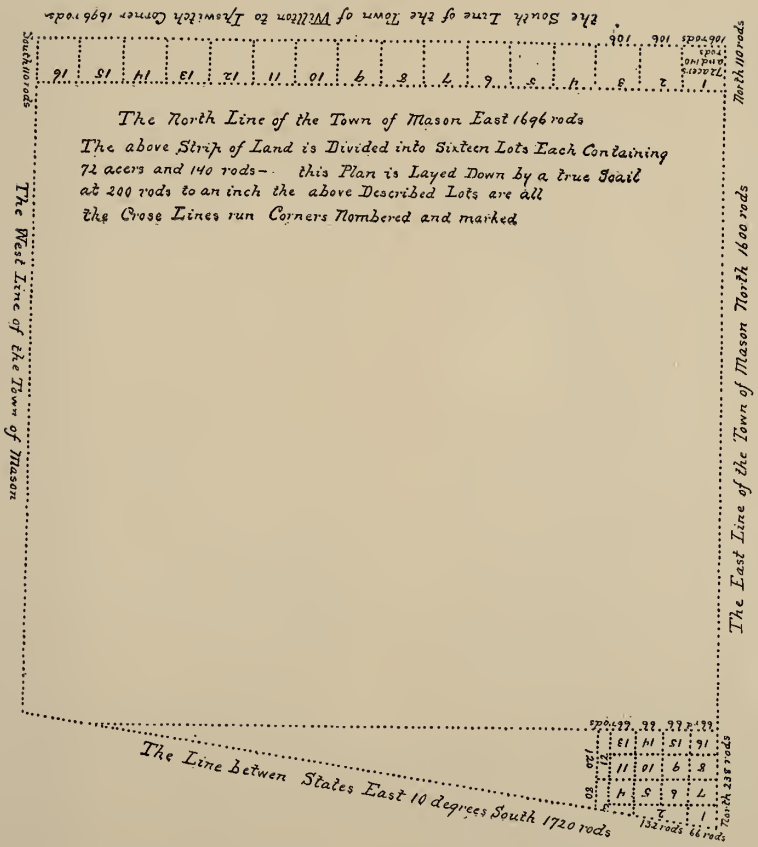
The afore Written Schedule was Drawn at Dunstable the 16th of October 1749—
Copy Exam[d] ℔ Joseph Blanchard Jun[r] Prop[rs] Clerk

[*Plan of Mason.*]

[Taken from Mss. Records of Proprietors of Tyngstown, Now in Possession of the Town of Jaffrey.]



[*Plan of Mason*, 1780.]



This Goar of Land appears to be So much of it Laid out alraidy that I ajurned Dividing the whole of it but it Seems to appear that there is about 400 Acers on the East End of the Same that is Common Land I theirfore Strike it on the Plan into Sixteen Lots Each Containing 24 Acers and 120 rods but the Division Lines are not run

Lem[l] Petts Survaier

Townshend December 25th 1780

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[*Petition for Land in Mason*, 1782.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 144.]

To the Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr. Lying in Newhampshire—Gentlemen—their Being two Tracts of Common Land in the Town of Mason one Called the North Strip the other the South Strip—and we the Supscribers being owners of Part of Said two Strips of Land by Purchace from Severel of the Mason Proprietors—which two Strips being Allotted into 72 acre Loots & 26 acre Lots Sixteen Lots of Seventy two Acres & Sixteen Sheirs of twenty Six Acres Each we Pray your Honours to make a Grant of the Said two Strips as Follows Viz to Jonas Minot of Concord in the County of Middlesex & Commonwelth of ye Massachusetts one Lot of Seventy two Acres & one of twenty Six acres for his Cost & Expence of Every Kind in Allotting out S^d^ Lands & all the Trouble Care & Expence he has or may be at Reletive to S^d^ two Strips before they are Divided—the other fifteen Lots of 72 acres & the fifteen of 26 acres he having Given his Obligation to us to Acquit to Each of us on Demand So much of Said thirty Lots as we by Purchase as aforesaid have a Right unto, & if Need be we hereby Give him all the Right we have to Vote in ye Mason Proprietors Meetings on S^d^ Lands for the Purposes aforesaid January 26th 1782

Charles Barrett
Reuben Kidder
Nathanael Hosmer

[*Petition of Enoch Hale*, 1779.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 145.]

State of New Hampshire } To the Honble the Propriators of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esqr—

The Petition of Enoch Hale of Rindge in Said State Humbly Sheweth that at the Time your Petitioner Collected the Number of Inhabitants Settled in several of the Monadnock Towns and the Number of Rights in Each Town then delinq^t^ at the Request of the Honble George Jaffrey Esqr and making Return there of—your Petitioner had Incoragement of the favour of a Small Gore of land in Some Part of the Patten your Petition^r^ therefore wood Humbly move that the Same might Be Don in the Town of mason as the Gore of land Between wilton and mason was Incorperated into mason and lyeth on the North Side of Said mason Laying about half a mile in wedth at the East line and Runs to a Point at the west line as your Petitioner

has Been informed but however otherwise it may lay your Petitioner[s] Request is for the Vacant land in said Town that has Not been Gran[d] for which favour your Petitioner will allways be under obligation thankfully to acknowledge—

Portsmouth March y[e] 15th 1799 Enoch Hale

[*Petition of Robert Harrington*, 1782.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 146.]

Concord July 8th 1782.

to the Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of John Tuften Mason Esqr Gentlemen I pray that the Common Land in Mason be Granted one Lot for the Cost &c As Spessified in the Request of Reuben Kiddar Esqr & others & the Remainder to Jonas Minot & my Self Equally uppon my Paying for one half of what is Purchased Since we ware at Portsmouth 1780 for which I have Gave my obligation & also to acquit to Reubin Kiddar &c their Parts

Rob[t] Harrington.

MEREDITH.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors Dec. 31, 1748, to Samuel Palmer and others, and called *Palmer's-town* afterwards *New Salem*, some of the settlers coming from Salem. This territory was previously mentioned as *Second Township*. Incorporated as Meredith Dec. 30, 1768. Two islands in Winnipiseogee Lake were annexed Dec. 30, 1799. Laconia was set off and incorporated July 14, 1855. A part of Meredith was annexed to Centre Harbor, July 3, 1873.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 581; Index to Laws, 340; sketch, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 833; Glimpses of the History of Old Meredith, by J. E. Fullerton, 3, Granite Monthly, 437; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 252, 302; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 7, 9, 22; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 501; Central New Hampshire, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, p. 37.]

[*John Sanborn to Proprietors*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 147.]

Gentelmen Proprioters of m[r] Masons Right whereas you Proposed to me at your Last Setting to take in twentey men out of hampton into Each of the two towns theat we have Laid out and Planned

when I Come to Look over S^{d} Plans I finde that in the 2^{d} township there is one 4th Part water and although the first is Sumthing more then Six miles Square yet the 2^{d} wants so much that wee Shall have but 269 acers for a man as the towns are Laid out and bounded and Sixtey men to Each town whereas if wee had Laid out Six miles Square wee Should have had 288 acers to Each man now Gentlemen Pleas Either to Let us Continue with no more then 60: men to Each town which will suite us much the best or Remember to Let us Go So much further up as to Contain two towns six miles square Each

from your frind and Servant
John Sandburn

Hapt: Decr ye 20th 1748

[*Bounds of Meredith.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 148.]

the Boundareys of the Second town

Beginning at a hemlock tree by the Grate Bay of winepisackey River which is the South Easterly Bounds of the first town and marked with B and spoted on fowr sides with the first Leters of the Commiteys names and the Date of the year 1748 then Runing northwesterly about six miles to a beach tree marked on fowr sides which is the Northwesterly Bounds of the first then Runing North :55: degres East about Seven miles to a white oack tree by the side of winepisokey Pond marked on fowr sides: then Runing South Easterly by the side of s^{d} Pond to the River then on s^{d} River to the Grate Bay then by S^{d} Bay to the Bounds first mentioned

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[*Names of Petitioners for Meredith.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 149.]

A List of the names of the petisoners for the Second town that Lays at winepessockey

Hampton	Exeter
Samuel palmer Esqr	Jonth Longfellow
Jonathan Shaw	Jo^{n} Light
Ben Shaw	Jo^{s} Wadleigh
John Shaw junr	Jonth Wadleigh Eping 1

Stratham
Sam[ll] goodhu junr
John purmot
Benja Juewtt
Joseph Juett
John Smith
Joseph Rawlins
Elisha Smith
Daniel Clark
tilton Larance
Jo[s] Clark
Jonath Sibly
Rich[d] Scammon
Ja[s] Scammon
Benj Witcher
W[m] Chase
Moses Chase
Benj Norris
Laz[s] Roe
Jo[s] Fifield
Moses Rawlings
John Taylor
Jacob Low
David Rawlings
Chase Robinson
Josiah Goodhue 25
Dan[l] Smith
Dan[l] Gale
Josiah Robinson jun[r]
Joseph Robinson
Jo[s] Pearson
Eliphalet Rolings
Jo[s] Rolings jun[r]
Nath Bartlet jun[r]
Eph[m] Robinson
Abra[m] Clark Brentwood 1
Jo[s] Rawlings
Dan[l] Thirstin
Josiah Sanborn
Jo[n] Morgan
Jo[s] Goodhue
Oliver Smith jun[r]
Jacob Longfellow
John Leavit jun[r]
Oliver Smith
Jo[s] Norris Eppin 2
Sam[l] Norris
Benj Norris
Sam[l] Norris jun[r]
Tho[s] Ford Noting[m]
Josiah Sandburn
Rob[t] Cutter Eppin 30
Canterbury
Ja[s] Gibson

[*Charter of Meredith*, 1748.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 31, 1748.]

Voted That there be & hereby is granted unto Samuel Palmer Esq[r] Jonathan Shaw Benjamin Shaw John Shaw Jun[r] all of Hampton in said Province Samuel Goodhew jun[r] John Purmot John Smith Benjamin Jewit Joseph Jewit Joseph Rawlins Elisha Smith Daniel Clark Tilton Lawrence Joseph Clark Jonathan Sibly Richard Scammon James Scammon Benjamin Witcher William Chase Moses Chase Benjamin Norris Lazarus Rowe Joseph Fifield Moses Rawlins John Taylor Jacob Low David Rawlins Chase Robinson Josiah Goodhew all of Stretham in said Province Jonathan Longfellow John Light

Joseph Wadleigh Jonathan Wadleigh Daniel Smith Daniel Gale Josiah Robinson jun^{r} Joseph Robinson Joseph Pearson Eliphalet Rawlins Joseph Rawlins jun^{r} Nathaniel Bartlet jun^{r} Ephraim Robinson Abraham Clark Joseph Rawlins Daniel Thurstin Josiah Sanborn John Morgan Joseph Goodhew Oliver Smith jun^{r} Jacob Longfellow John Leavit Junr Oliver Smith Joseph Norris Samuel Norris Benjamin Norris Samuel Norris jun^{r} Josiah Samborn Robert Cutler all of Exeter in said Province and Thomas Ford of Nottingham in said Province and James Gibson of Canterbury in said Province together with twenty other Persons hereafter to be named by said Proprietors in Equal Shares Excepting as hereafter herein Excepted on the Terms Conditions and Limitations herein after Expressed all that tract of Land within the Province of New Hampshire Containing the Extent & Quantity of Six Miles Square Bounded as follows, vizt, Beginning at an Hemlock tree by the great Bay of Winnepiseoky River which is the South Easterly Corner bounds of that Tract of Land Granted to John Samborn and others by said Proprietors & which lyes Adjoining to the Land hereby granted & runs from said tree North Westerly Six Miles Joining on the said Land Granted to said Samborn or near Six Miles to a Beech Tree marked which is the North Westerly Corner bounds of the said Tract of Land then running fifty five Degrees East about Seven Miles to a White Oak Tree by the Side of Winnepiseoky Pond Marked on four Sides then running South Easterly by the side of said Pond to the River aforesaid then on said River to the great Bay aforesaid then on said Bay to the Hemlock tree first mentioned. To have & to hold to them their Heirs & Assigns in Equal Shares Excepting as aforesaid on the following terms Conditions and Limitations That is to Say that the whole Tract of Land within the said Boundaries (Saving what is herein after mention'd to be otherwise improved) be Divided into one hundred shares or Rights and Each Share be laid out into two Distinct Lots one of which to Contain one hundred Acres & the other all the Land Belonging to Each respective Share. That the whole be so laid out & the two Lots belonging to Each share Number'd with the same number Beginning with one & Ending with one hundred. That the said Land be so laid out within one Year from the Granting thereof & then the Lots Drawn for in the usual manner of drawing for Lots of Land in Such Cases & that this be Done at Portsmouth in said Province under the Care & Direction of the Proprietors aforesaid & so done as to make but one Draft to Each Share That one of the said Shares be for the first Minister of the Gospel who shall be Settled on the said Land and Continue there during his Life or untill he shall be Regularly Dismist to hold to him his heirs

& Assigns, and one other of said Shares be for & towards the Support of the Gospel Ministry there forever. and the hundred acre Lots belonging to these two Shares be laid out as near the place where the Meeting house shall be built as may Conveniently be Done & not Drawn for as the other Lots. That there be Six acres of Land left in some Convenient Place within said Boundaries for building a Meeting house & school house upon making a Training field a Burying Place & for any other public use the Inhabitants there shall see Cause to make of it That Seventeen of the said Shares be Reserved to the use of the said Proprietors the Grantors & their Heirs & assigns & one of the said Shares be for the use & Support of a School there forever That the owners of the other Eighty Shares make a Regular Settlement there at their own Charge in the following manner viz that each owner of the said Eighty Shares Build an house of Eighteen foot Long & fourteen foot wide or Equal thereto upon some part of his Land there & clear three Acres thereof fit for tillage or mowing within Eight Years from this time & that the said owners build a Meeting house there (upon the Land to be left for that purpose as aforesaid) fit for the public worship of God for the use of the Inhabitants within ten Years from this time and maintain the preaching of the Gospel there Constantly next after twelve Years from this time That there be twenty acres of Land left in Some Suitable place for a Privilege and Accommodation of a Saw Mill which Shall be to him his Heirs and Assigns who will build Such a Mill within the time herein after limited with the Privilege of the most convenient Stream and place for doing the Same and in Consideration thereof for the Benefit of the Inhabitants and Owners aforesaid the Owner or Owners of Such Mill shall Saw the Logs of the Said Owners of the Said Shares and other Inhabitants there to the halves for the term of ten years next after the Said Mill Shall first work That whoever shall appear and undertake to build Said Mill Shall perform the Same fit for constant working within three years from this time. And if no particular person or persons of the owners of the Said shares or such as the majority of them Shall permitt to do the Same will undertake to build Such Mill as aforesaid then the Said Owners shall do the same at their general Expence and put the said Mill under Such a Regulation as that they and others inhabiting there may be Seasonably and reasonably Served by having boards and other Timber Sawed which may be necessary for building upon Said granted premises That each Owner of the Said Eighty Shares pay to Such person or persons as the major part of them shall chuse for that purpose all such sums of Money or Bills of publick Credit as the Said Owners or the Major part of them shall determine to be

necessary from time to time and as occasion Shall require To defrey the Charges of laying out Said land and other Matters & Things necessary to make a Settlement as aforesaid and performing the other Particulars herein enjoined and directed to be done That in laying out the Said Lots care be taken to sort them in Such a manner as to make the Shares as equal as possible. That the Lots be laid out in Ranges where the land will admit of it and land left between the Ranges for high Ways four Rods wide and between the Lots for Ways of two Rods wide, and that a Plan of the whole laying out be made at the Charge of the Said Owners and Returned to the Grantors as soon as may be done with Conveniency. that the Seventeen Reserved shares be Exonerated Acquitted and fully Exempted from paying any Charge towards making the Said Settlement, and not held to the Conditions of the other eighty Shares nor liable to any Tax or Assessment untill improved by the Respective Owners.

That all white Pine trees fit for his Majesty's Use for masting the royal Navy be and hereby are reserved, and are hereby granted to his Majesty his Heirs and Successors for that Purpose. And in Case any of the Owners of the Said Eighty shares shall refuse neglect or Omitt to perform and fully Discharge any of the Conditions Articles Matters And things herein enjoined directed and ordered to be done by the Said Grantors as aforesaid he shall forfeit his share and Right in the said Tract of land and every part thereof to the said Grantors and their heirs and Assigns and it shall and may be lawfull for them or any of them or any Person or Persons by their Order or the Major part of them So ordering, in their name and Stead to enter into and upon the part of Such Delinquent Owner and him utterly thence to amove Oust Expel & Eject for the use of Said Grantors their heirs and Assigns. Provided Nevertheless and it is the true Intent and meaning of the Said Grantors in these presents That such forfeited shares (nor any of them) shall not be discharged by Such Forfeiture from the Charge burthen & Duty of Settling as aforesaid and performing all the Articles Matters and things herein above Specifyed for each owner of the Shares aforesaid to do and the Said Grantors in Case they Shall hold Such forfeited Shares shall and will do and perform the same and in Case of granting them again will enjoin and oblige the Grantors so to do— And the Said Grantors do hereby engage & promise to the Said Grantees to defend them their Heirs and Assigns in the Possession of the said granted Premises against the lawfull Claims of any Person or Persons claiming by any other Title than the Grantors or that from whence their's is derived with this Condition & Limitation that in Case of Eviction & Recovery against the said Grantees by any Such Title that they Recover

Nothing over in Satisfaction of and from ye Said Grantors their Heirs Executors or Administrators or any of them Provided there be no Indian War within any of the Terms & Limitations of time above mentioned for performing the said Articles Matters and things aforesaid to be done and performed by any of the Said Owners of the said Eighty shares, and in Case that should happen the Same times to be allowed for the Respective Matters aforesaid after. Such Impediment shall be Removed

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[*Petition of Proprietors of Meredith*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 150.]

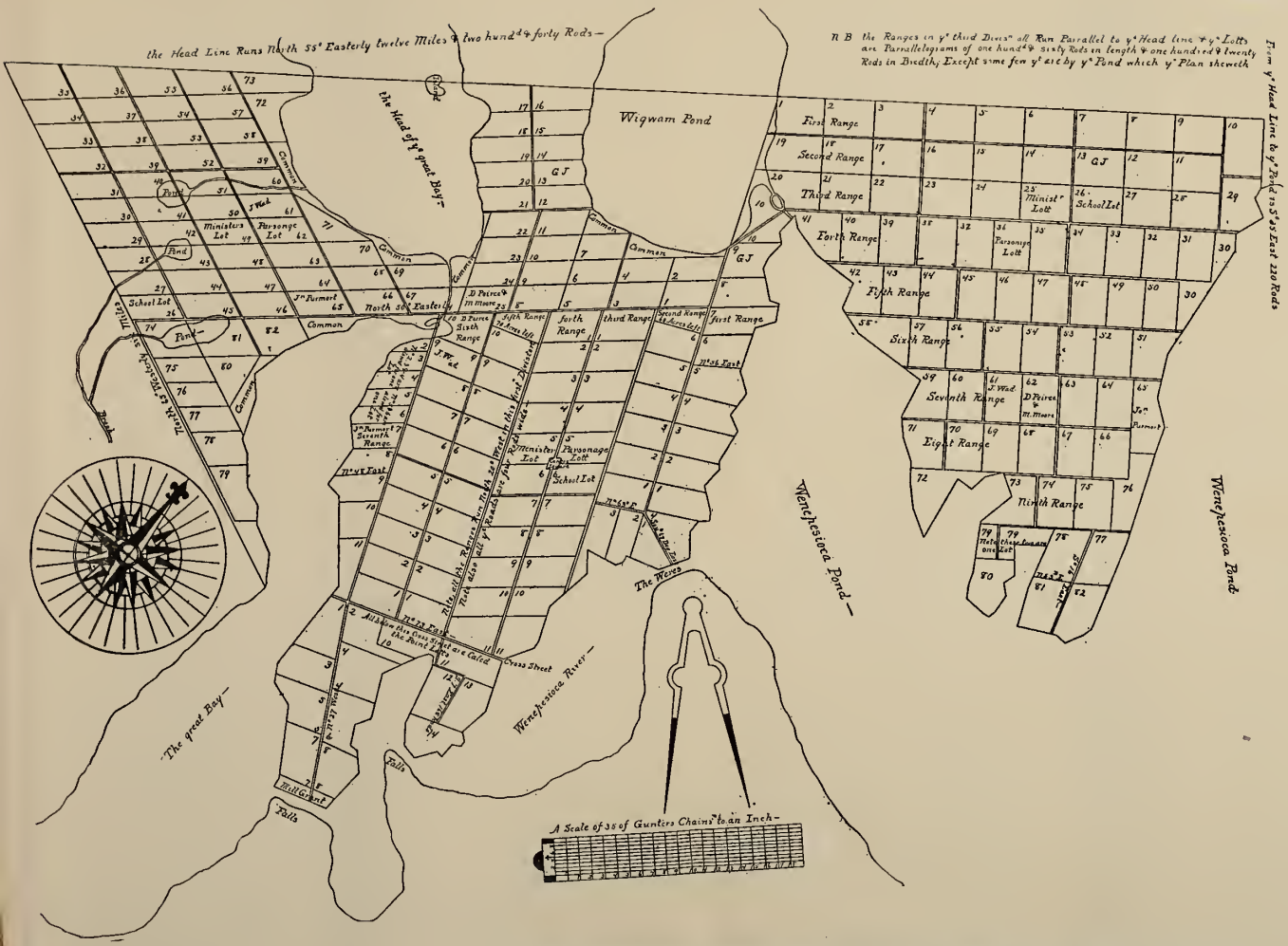
At a Leagl meeting of the propriaters of that tract of Land granted to Sam^ll^ palmer Esqr and others —

1^ly^ voted Mr John Sandburn be agent for us

Gentll men the granteors we pray you would not insist up on our haveing one hundred Lots in s^d^ town it will be very Debtterimentt to S^d^ town and Sixty of us have Cared on s^d^ town heither to and are Desined to Lay it out into Lots as Soun as possabl we can and we pray your answer by m^r^ Sandburn whether we must have Sixty or Eighty ——

Dated october 12th 1749 ——

Joseph Rawlins propriaters Clark



A Plan of a Township Called Palmer's Town lying to y.e Westward of Wenepesioca Pond in y.e Province of New Hamps.r and was granted to Sam.ll Palmer E:s:q: & other Petitioners, by the Purchers of y.e Right of John Tuftan Mason E:s:q: Survey'd A:D: 1750 & 1753.——

by Jon.a Longfellow Survey.r

N: B the Township is laid out into three Divis.ns the first Divis.n Contains one hund.d Acres to each Right & are those Lots Numbr'd with Red from y.e out let of Wigam Pond Downward to y.e Wares, the 2.nd Divis.n Contains Eighty Acres to each Right & are those Lots Numbr'd with Black the 3.rd Divis.n Contains one hund.d & twenty Acres to each Right & are those Numbr.d with Red on y.e N.o E: of Wigwam Pond. &c. &c——

N: B: the Ranges in y.e Second Divis.n Run Parrallel to y.e Six Mile Line & are 160 Rods in Bredth which is y.e Length of y.e Lots the Lots are Parrallel to y.e Head Line of y.e first Divis.n viz N.o 50 E.st & are 80 Rods in Bredth, Some few excepted which appear by y.e Plan——

This Plan of the Tract of Land granted to Sam.ll Palmer Esq.r and others Dec.r 31.st 1748—and agreable to y.e Vote pass'd May 3.d 1754 for rectification of y.e head Line—was accepted and Received by the Proprietors at their Meeting held may 3.d 1754——

attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop.rs Cl

[*Draft of Lots in Meredith*, 1754.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 151, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 7, p. 56.]

Province of New Hampshire } At a meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq[r] in Newhampshire, held at Portsmouth the 3[d] day of May 1754 by adjournment.—At the said meeting the draft of the Lots or shares of the tract of Land granted to Samuel Palmer Esq Jon[a] Shaw Benj[a] Shaw & others were drawn for under the care & direction of said Proprietors, in the following manner

		Number	division	Range	N[o]	divis	N[o]	Divis
1	Drawn to John Leavitt Jun[r]	N[o] 6	1st	4th	37	2nd	N[o] 37	3[d]
2	" Sam[l] Solly & Cl[t] March Esq .	1	1st	by the wares	N[o] 1	2[d]	N[o] 1	3[d]
3	" To the use of said Proprietors .	2	1st	4th	N[o] 33	2[d]	N[o] 33	3[d]
4	" To the Heirs of Jotham Odiorne Esq dec[d] . . .	1	1st	a point Lot	70	2[d]	N[o] 70	3[d]
5	" Theodore Atkinson Esq . . .	1	1st	3[d]	21	2[d]	N[o] 21	3[d]
6	" Benjamin Shaw .	9	1st	7th	N[o] 67	2[d]	N[o] 67	3[d]
7	" Nath[l] Bartlett Jun[r]	14	1st	a point Lot	N[o] 73	2[d]	N[o] 73	3[d]
8	" Joshua Pierce Esq .	11	1st	a point Lot	N[o] 80	2[d]	N[o] 80	3[d]
9	" Benj[a] Whitcher .	2	1st	1 Range	N[o] 6	2	N[o] 6	3[d]
10	" Samuel Norris .	5	1st	2[d]	N[o] 19	2[d]	N[o] 19	3[d]
11	" Richard Scammon	7	1st	a point Lot	N[o] 77	2[d]	N[o] 77	3
12	" John Shaw Jun[r] .	2	1st	3[d] Range	N[o] 22	2[d]	N[o] 22	3[d]
13	" Joseph Fyfield .	9	1st	4th	N[o] 40	2	N[o] 40	3
14	" Benj[a] Norris, Stretham . . .	8	1st	4th	N[o] 39	2	N[o] 39	3[d]
15	" Benj[a] Norris, Exeter	8	1st	5	N[o] 50	2[d]	N[o] 50	3[d]
16	To the use of said Proprietors . .	10	1st	5th	N[o] 52	2	N[o] 52	3[d]
17	Josiah Sanborn Jun[r] .	4	1st	5th	N[o] 46	2[d]	N[o] 46	3[d]
18	Jacob Low . . .	7	1st	6th	N[o] 59	2[d]	N[o] 59	3[d]
19	Mess[s] Thomlinson & Mason	4	1st	6th	N[o] 56	2[d]	N[o] 56	3[d]
20	Daniel Gale . . .	3	1st	6th	N[o] 65	2[d]	N[o] 65	3[d]
21	Joseph Clark . . .	1	1st	6th	N[o] 53	2[d]	N[o] 53	3[d]
22	Richard Wibird Esq .	11	1st	7th	N[o] 69	2	N[o] 69	3[d]
23	Daniel Thirston . .	12	1st	a point Lot	N[o] 81	2	N[o] 81	3[d]

		Number	division	Range	No	divis	No	Divis
24	Robt Cutler . . .	5–6	1st	7 Range	No 64	2d	No 64	3d
25	Thomas Ford . . .	5	1st	a point Lot	No 75	2	No 75	3
26	William Chace . . .	5	1st	5	47	2d	47	3d
27	Ephraim Robinson . .	7	1st	3d	27	2	27	3d
28	Joseph Pearson . .	10	1st	1st	14	2d	14	3d
29	Joseph Robinson . .	4	1st	3d	24	2	24	3d
30	Elisha Smith . . .	2	1st	6th	54	2d	54	3
31	John Smith . . .	6	1st	2d	20	2d	20	3d
32	Nathl Meserve & Co . .	2	1st	2d	16	2	16	3d
33	Joseph Rawlins . .	1	1st	2d	15	2	15	3d
34	Josiah Sanborn . .	8	1st	6th	60	2	60	3d
35	Joseph Jewitt . . .	7	1st	5th	36	2	40	3d
36	Josiah Robinson Junr .	1	1st	1st	No 5	2	No 5	3d
37	Jacob Langfellow . .	10	1st	a point Lot	No 79	2 2	No 79	3d
38	Joseph Norris . . .	4	1st	a point Lot	No 74	2 2	No 74	3
39	Thomas Packer Esq . .	11	1st	3d Range	No 31	2	No 31	3d
40	John Morgan . . .	8	1st	7th	No 66	2	66	3d
41	Moses Chace . . .	5	1st	6th	57	2d	57	3d
42	Joseph Goodhue . .	9	Do	5th	51	Do	51	Do
43	Daniel Smith . . .	10	Do	7	68	Do	68	Do
44	James Gibson . . .	7	Do	4	38	Do	38	Do
45	John Moffatt Esq . .	6	Do	1	10	Do	10	Do
46	John Prumort . . .	7	Do	7	65	Do	65	Do
47	Danl Peirce & Mary Moore	10	Do	6	25	Do	62	Do
48	David Rawlings . .	3	Do	a point Lot	72	Do	72	Do
49	Joseph Rawlings of Hampton	6	Do	5 Range	48	Do	48	Do
50	Chace Robinson . .	6	Do	6th	58	Do	58	Do
51	Samuel Palmer Esq	2	Do	a point Lot	71	Do	71	Do
52	James Scammon . .	6	Do	Do	76	Do	76	Do
53	Josiah Goodhue . .	13	Do	Do	82	Do	82	Do
54	Mark Hg Wentworth Esq .	2	Do	5 Range	44	Do	44	Do
55	Jonathan Longfellow .	4	Do	1st	8	Do	8	Do
56	Thomas Wallingford Esq	10	Do	3	30	Do	30	Do
57	John Light . . .	3	Do	by ye Wares	3	Do	3	Do
58	Elipt Rawlings . . .	2	Do	Do	2	Do	2	Do
59	Tilton Lawrince . .	8	Do	3 Range	28	Do	28	Do
60	Oliver Smith . . .	4	Do	2d	18	Do	18	Do

		No	Division	Range	No	2nd Divis	No	3d Divis
61	John Rindge . . .	3	Do	Do	17	Do	17	Do
62	Jona Wadleigh . . .	1	Do	5	43	Do	43	Do
63	Samuel Goodhue Junr .	4	Do	by the Wares	4	Do	4	Do
64	Lazarus Row . . .	3	Do	3d Range	23	Do	23	Do
65	John Wentworth Esq .	7	Do	1st	11	Do	11	Do
66	Moses Rawlings . .	8	Do	a point Lot	78	Do	78	Do
67	Abraham Clark . .	9	Do	3 Range	29	Do	29	Do
68	John Taylor . . .	1	Do	4	32	Do	32	Do
69	Joseph Rawlins Junr .	8	Do	1	12	Do	12	Do
70	Samuel Norris . . .	11	Do	4	42	Do	42	Do
71	Jona Shaw . . .	3	Do	1	7	Do	7	Do
72	Daniel Clark . . .	4	Do	4	35	Do	35	Do
73	Benja Jewitt . . .	3	Do	5	45	Do	45	Do
74	Joseph Wadleigh . .	9	Do	6	61	Do	61	Do
75	George Jaffrey . . .	9	Do	1	13	Do	13	Do
76	Oliver Smith Jr . .	10	Do	4	41	Do	41	Do
77	Jonathan Sibley . .	2,3,4	Do	7	63	Do	63	Do
78	For the use of sd Proprietors	3	Do	4	34	Do	34	Do
79	For the use of sd Proprietors	5	Do	1	9	Do	9	Do
	First settled Ministers Lot	5	Do	4	49	Do	25	Do
	Lot for Ministry . .	5	Do	3	62	Do	36	Do
	School Lot . . .	6	Do	3	26	Do	26	Do

A true copy of Record of the Draft of Lots in Palmers Town, Now Meredith November 1st 1823.

Attest Jeremiah Libbey
Proprietors Clerk

[*Interpretation of Meredith Charter*, 1754.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, May 3, 1754.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth May 3d 1754, Fryday eight of the Clock beforenoon at the Dwelling house of Ann Slayton Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas the Proprietors at their Meeting held in December 31st 1748—Granted to Samuel Palmer Esqur Jonathan Shaw and others a tract of Land within Said Province containing the Extent of Six Miles Square bounded vizt beginning at an Hemlock Tree by the

great Bay of Winipisiokee River which is the South easterly Corner bounds of that Tract of land granted to John Samborn and others by Said Proprietors and which lyes adjoining to the land hereby granted and runs from Said Tree northwesterly Six miles joining on the Said land granted to John Samborn or near Six miles to a Beach tree marked which is the northwesterly Corner bounds of the Said Tract of land then running fifty five degrees east about Seven Miles to a white oak tree by the Side of Winipisiokee Pond marked on four Sides then running South Easterly by the Side of Said Pond to the River aforesaid then on said River to the great Bay aforesaid then on Said Bay to the Hemlock tree first mentioned and whereas the Second Side line mentioned in Said Grant, that is to Say, from the Beech Tree mentioned—running fifty five degrees east about Seven Miles to a white oak tree by the Side of Winipissiokee pond, the word north not there mentioned, as was intended admitts of Some Doubt about that Line—

Voted That the Grant aforesaid made to Samuel Palmer Esqu^{r} and others did mean and intend, and by the words fifty five degrees East was meant and intended fifty five degrees east from the north point of the Compass as is commonly understood, and that the line from the Beach Tree towards Winipisiokee Pond is and shall be A line fifty five degrees east from the north point and that the word north being left out was a Clerical mistake Contrary to the Intent of the Grantors & is hereby rectifyed

And whereas the aforesaid line of fifty five degrees East from the north line running from the Beach Tree first mentioned Seven miles does not come to Winipissiokee pond but at about twelve Miles & three quarters distance from Said Beach Tree aforesaid upon a more exact Survey of the Same as by a plan thereof made the Said line run's to the westward of the Pond at two hundred and twenty Rods distant as by the Plan and Division thereof made and returned by Jonathan Longfellow.

Voted That the Plan and Division of the Same be and hereby is accepted and the lands therein delineated divided & Set off is hereby confirmed and Established as the lands meant and intended in the Said Grant and the Several Lotts and Divisions therein mentioned are hereby confirmed to the grantees in Said Grant mentioned and in the Same manner & on the Conditions and Reservations in Said grant mentioned and all unappropriated Lotts to be to the use of the Grantors—and the Said Lotts in Said Tract of Land drawn to the said Grantees, by a Draft thereof this day made be to them their heirs and assigns on ye Conditions in the Grant thereof mentioned & Provided always that the Grantees in said Grant named and

intended shall Vote an Acceptance of this Confirmation as if the Same was all mentioned in their first Grant—also—

Voted That the Lotts in Said Tract of land drawn to the Proprietors the Grantors as by the Draft this day made be to them their Heirs & assigns for ever in Severalty—

[*Grant of Forfeited Shares to Town Proprietors*, 1765.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 31, 1765.]

Whereas the said Proprietors on the 31st day of December 1748 Granted to Samuel Palmer Esqr & others a Certain tract of Land in said Province by Estimation Six miles Square or Equal thereto in order for the Settling the same in a Regular form to make a Township on such Limitations and Restrictions as are Expressed in the said Grant and among other things it is Declared and Limitted that if any of the Grantees should not Comply with, fullfill and perform the Several Articles Matters & things by each Grantee to be done according to said Limitations and Conditions the Right Interest & Share of such Grantee, shou'd be forfeited, return, and remain to the Grantors, the Proprietors aforesaid—And whereas since that time many of said Grantees have failed and Neglected some to Settle & Clear their Lots & Shares, others to pay their Proportion of the Taxes and discharge other Duties Enjoin'd them by their said Grant, whereby their Respective Shares & Rights within said Tract are forfeited to and become the Property of said Proprietors according to the tenor of said Grant and liable to be regranted and it having been Represented to said Proprietors that if said forfeited Shares were Granted to the other Grantees who have done their duty according to said Grant and the said Conditions it would promote the Settlement and said Proprietors Desiring to help forward said Settlement and Encourage those of said Grantees, who have done, and are still doing all they can to advance the Settlement—Therefore—

Voted, that all the Rights title Interest Property and Demand of the said Proprietors of in & unto the said forfeited Shares each and every of them or that shall be so forfeited be and hereby is Granted to the other of said Grantees who have or shall have Performed all the Conditions of said Grant within the time limitted therein or such further time as said Proprietors shall allow for their forbearance to re Enter and the said Grantees are hereby Authorized in the names of the said Proprietors to enter into such forfeited Shares and the same to Improve dispose of sell or otherways apply to their own use

as they shall see Cause, Provided, the said Grantees, perform the Conditions and Directions in their said Grant—

This Vote was pass'd at the Motion and Request of Capt Joseph Hoit Mr Ebenezer Smith & Ephraim Robinson who appear^{d} as a Committee of said Grantees

This plan of Meredith drawn by a Scale of thirty five chains to an Inch is agreable to the plan made by a Committee chosen to lay out and plan the Second and third Divisions of Said Town which plan was accepted by the Proprietors the first Division being also annexed to the Said Second and third Division in said Plan is now presented by us as a Comittee of ye Proprietors the Grantees of Said Township, to the Proprietors the Grantors for their Approbation & acceptance—at Portsmouth ye 12 day of December 1770 & at their meeting then held

Josiah Sanborn } Com^tee
Ebenezer Smith }

N: B: The first Divisions of Lots contain 100 Acres each and are Numbered with Red Ink, and lay to the Southward of the Green Line from the head of the Great Bay to the head of Winnipisioca Pond——

The Second Division contains 120 Acres to each Right and are numbered with Green—

The Third Division lays on the North Easterly part of the Town, is Numbered with Red, and contains 95 Acres to each Right

Memorandum The Lots below the Green Range Way from N° 1 to 14 are called Point Lots

[*Improvements in Meredith*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 152.]

Names of People who are Heads of Family	Nº Lotts	Range	Acres Cleard	Acres Fell	Sort Houses	Barns
Samll Kimble . . .	4	pt	0	13	Frame	
Jonan Smith . . .	6	do	12	10	do	
Thos Damford . . .	7	do	10	6	do	20 feet
Daniel Morrison . .	8	do	6	2	do	
Abraham Folsom . .	14	do	14	6	do	Logg
David Watson . . .	1	6	7	4	do	
Job Judkins . . .	2	6	6	14	do	
George Bean . . .	2	6	16	8	do	
Reuben Mastin Jur . .	4	5	9	6	do	
William Meed . . .	3	5	25	15	do	
Jacob Eatton . . .	2		10	10	Logg	
Ebenezr Smith . . .	10	pt	40	8	Frame	24 & 30
do do . . .	11	4	8	3		
Nichl Carr Folsom . .	11	4		3	do	
Joseph Roberts . . .	10	4	6	10	do	
Jeremh Smith . . .	8	4	15	6	do	30 & 24
Reuben Mastin . . .	7	4	4	4	do	Logg
Abraham Swain . .	8	7	12	2	do	do
James Quimby . . .	9	3	8	3	Logg	do
Samll Torry . . .	3	1	8	4	do	
Robert Bryant . . .	4	3	10	4	Frame	Logg
John Boynton . . .	4	4	7	4	Logg	
William Ray . . .	3	3	7	5	do	
Ebenr Pitman . . .	5	6	0	10		
Names of People That Began						
Wm Crockett . . .	2		—	12		
David Lawrence . .	3. 6 R		7	3		
Joseph Conner . . .	4. 1st R			4		
Nathll Robertson . .	4. 3d R			12		
John Pike	5. 5th		3	3		
John Stephens . . .	4. 2d			4		

Saw Mill on Mill Grant Main River
Grist Mill on Mill Grant Wequash Brook
No Meeting house for Publick Worship—

The above is an Acco't of the settlements & Improvements in the Land Granted to Samll Palmer & Others—

Survd & examd by Jotham Rindge & Wm Blake
Wolfborough Jany 1770

[*Improvements in Meredith*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 153.]

A Return of the Settlements and Improvements in the town of meredith in the Province of New Hampshire and with account of the Names of the orignel grantees or proprietors Shears that Said Settlements are made upon and all Done in the first Devision of Land

	Number of the famerly	Acres of Land Cleard	Land fell Acrs
Ebenezer Smith orignely Jacob Longfellow fraim house and Barn— . .	7	46	12
Dito on the orignel of Samuel Norris Juner—	0	7	5
William mead orignely Benjamin Jewett fraim House & Barn— . . .	11	30	15
Jeremiah Smith orignely Benjamin Norriss at Stratham fraim house & Barn .	6	25	15
Reuben marston orignely James Gibson fraim house—	7	7	6
Reuben Marston Juner orignely Josiah Samborn fraim house— . . .	3	15	8
George Bean orignely Elisha Smith fraim house & pole Barn— . . .	8	20	5
David watson orignely Joseph Clerk fraim house—	3	10	5
Job Judkins orignely Elisha Smith fraim house—		8	12
Abraham folsom orignely Nathaniel Bartlet Juner fraim house & fraim Barn .	4	14	6
John Kimbel orignely Joseph norries fraim house—	6	4	9
Jonathan Smith orignely James Scammon a fraim houes— . . .	6	12	13
thomas Danford orignely Richard Scammon a Logg house fraim Barn . .	12	12	8
Daniel morrison orignely moses Rawlings a Log house—	5	5	3
Nicholas Carr folsom orignely Samuel Norries Juner fraim house— . .	4	3	7
Joseph Roberds orignely Oliver Smith Jur a fraim house—		12	8
James Quinby orignely abraham Clerk a Logg house—	8	8	2
Jacob Eaton orignely Eliphelet Rawlings a Log house & Barn— . . .	11	12	8

	Number of the famerly	Acres of Land Cleard	Land fell Acrs
Samuel torrey orignely Jonathan Shaw a Log house & Barn— . . .	7	8	6
Robert Bryent orignely Joseph Robinson a fraim houes pole Barn— . .	4	10	3
William Ray orignely Lazarus Row a pole house & Barn—	4	8	8
Ebenezer Pitman orignely Daniel Clerk pole house & Barn—	5	8	3
ae orignely moses Chase fraim house—		6	8
Abraham Swain orignely John Morgin fraim house & Log Barn . . .	3	13	8
David Lawrence Esqr orignely Daniel Gale pole house—		8	2
William Crocket orignely Samuel Palmer Esqr Log house—	4	8	9
John pike orignely William Chase— .		3	2
Nathaniel Robinson orignely Joseph Robinson fraim house—	5	5	7
Joseph Connor orignely Jonathan Longfellow—		0	6
John Holland orignely Oliver Smith— .		0	4
John witcher orignely Benj^{a} Witcher Log house—	1	1	5
John Neal orignaly Jonathan Wadleigh .		1	3
Jonathan Danford orignaly Richard Scammon	1	0	4
Jeremiah Smith orignaly Benjamin Norris of Exeter—		0	3

this Return is made at the Request of the Honourebel grantors of the above said township by Ebenezer Smith of said town Nov^{e} 15th 1770—

John mead orignaly Benj^{a} Shaw Six acres of trees fell

John Dockhum orignaly Joseph Rawlings of hampton two acres fell and a house part Built

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[*Petition of William Smith, Jr.*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 154.]

To the Honble Danl Peirce Esqr & others a Committee of the Purchasers of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esqr ——

The Request of William Smith Junr of New Salem in County of Rockingham, Shews Whereas the aforesaid Purchasers have a Tract of Land containing about fifty Acres lying adjoining the Province Line between that & Londonderry Line, not yet disposed of, and as the said Smith has a Desire to make a Settlement on said Tract, would be glad the said Purchasers, would get the same surveyed in Order to know the exact Quantity that he might purchase the same, if he and the aforesaid Purchasers could agree on the Terms

William Smith Junr

[*Bond for Deed to Daniel Smith*, 1798.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 156.]

I promise to give Mr Daniel Smith a good Deed for the Second division Lot in Meredith Drawn & Recorded to the original Right of Blanchard Meserve & Co being Lot No 16 — on Demand after the same has been advertized & sold for the Taxes due for the present year provided he buys the same at Vendue for and on my Account — June 20th 1798 on condition of his paying me his Note of hand of that date for one hundred pounds or gives me Collatteral Security therefor

John Peirce

[*Meredith Memoranda.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 156.]

Memorandum Capt Tasker desires the Proprietors would Determine the Lots in Meredith as he has Always paid for Lot No 2

Give Col Gerrish Directions about the Lines

Banfilds how to Run his Lots give Directions — see Coursor Letters

Adjourn for a fortnight ——

Directions to Col Smith consearning the undivided Lands in Merideth to Run the same out and Draw for them

David Boynton's 50 Acres in 2d Division of the Common Land on the Road in New Salem adjoining the Line of the Gore at the Head of New Salem or Meredith has fell 20 Acres & built a small log house

Enquire of Mr Jaffrey abt This ——

MIDDLETON.

[Granted as *Middletown* by the Masonian Proprietors, April 27, 1749, to Ebenezer Varney and others. The charter was renewed March 21, 1770. Incorporated as Middleton March 4, 1778. The inhabitants of the north part attempted to get incorporation as a separate township in 1785, but were unsuccessful. They succeeded later, and were incorporated as Brookfield December 30, 1794.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 127, 456; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 594; Index to Laws, 345; papers under titles Coulerain and Kingswood; sketch, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 644; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 162; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 335; Notes on, 8, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 120.]

[*Charter of Middleton*, 1749.]

[Masonian Proprietor's Records, April 27, 1749.]

Voted That there be and Hereby is granted unto Ebenezer Varney William Wentworth Benjamin Wentworth Job Hussey John Roberts Job Clements the Third Thomas Varney Nath[l] Varney John Heard Samuel Clements William Horn Joseph Varney jun[r] Peter Cook Nath[l] Willand Andrew Horn Benjamin Evans Nath[l] Hanson John Varney Samuel Varney Timothy Hanson ju[r] Ebenezer Horn Silvanus Hussey Richard Goodwin Jonathan Merry James Clements Ebenezer Garland Joseph Wentworth Ephraim Wentworth Samuel Young Thomas Bickford William Ham Nathaniel Young Edward Ellis William Whitehouse Joseph Conner Jonathan Gage Joseph Hanson Ephraim Hanson John Ham jun[r] James Guppy Jun[r] John Tasket Zachariah Pitman John Pearl Jun[r] Richard Hussey Field Plummer Isaac Hanson Jun[r] John Cook jun[r] Stephen Roberts Benjamin Roberts Benjamin Heard Andrew Marshall Benjamin Weymouth James Philpot Nath[l] Astin Daniel Hanson John Hall Joshua Stagpole Love Roberts jun[r] Thomas Wentworth Richard Philpot George Hanson John Kielle John Drew Isaac Watson Samuel Heard Job Clements jun[r] Moses Carr Benjamin Stanton Eleazer Wear John Gage Mark Wallingford Benjamin Mason Eleazer Young Mark Giles Tristram Coffin Noah Cross Thomas Roberts Jun[r] all of Dover and Somersworth in Said Province & Timothy Roberts & John Bickford both of Rochester in Said Province & Noah Emery of Kittery in Equal Shares Excepting as is herein after Excepted on the Terms Conditions & Limitations herein After Expressed all That tract of Land within the Province of New Hamp[r] Containing the Quantity of Six Miles Square Bounded as follows Viz[t] Beginning at the Southwest-

erly Corner of a Tract of Land Granted to John Ham Gershom Downs and Others upon and at Rochester Head Line and from that Extent to Run Westerly by Said Line of Rochester five Miles and Continuing the Breadth of five Miles to Extend from the head Line of Rochester so far Northwardley as to Make Equal to Six miles Square Adjoyning to the Said Tract of Land granted to the said John Ham Gershom Downs & Others And The Head Line of the Same to be a Line Parallel with the Head Line of Rochester and the Side Lines to be Strait To have & to hold to them their Heirs and Assigns in Equal Shares Excepting as Aforesaid on the Following Terms Conditions & Limitations that is to Say that The whole Tract of Land within the Said Boundaries (Saving what is herein after mentioned to be Otherwise Improved) be Divided into one Hundred Shares or Rights & Each Share to be Laid out into two Distinct Lots one of which to Contain one hundred Acres and the other all the Rest of the Land belonging to Each Respective Share. That the whole be So Laid out and the two Lots to Each Share be Number'd with the Same Number beginning with one and Ending with one hundred. That the Said Land be so Laid out within one Year from the Granting thereof and then the Lots Drawn for in the usual manner of Drawing for Lots of Land in Such Cases and that This be Done at Portsmouth aforesaid Under the Care & Direction of the Grantors and So done as to Make but one Draft to Each Share. That one of Said Shares be for the first Minister of the Gospel who Shall be Settled on the said Land & Continue there During his life or until he Shall be Regularly Dismist to hold to him his Heirs & Assigns —

and one Other of the Said Shares be for & towards the Support of the Gospel Ministry there forever And the hundred Acre Lots belonging to these two Shares Shall be Laid out as near the Place where the Meeting House Shall be Built as may Conveniently be Done & not to be drawn as the Other Lots That there be Six Acres of Land left in Some Convenient Place within Said Boundaries for Building a Meeting house & School House Upon, Improving as a Training feild a Burying place & any other Public use The Inhabitants there may have Occasion of, That one other of said Shares be for the use and Support of a School there forever That Seventeen of the Said Shares be and Hereby are Reserved to the use of the said Proprietors the Grantors in these Presents their Heirs and Assigns That the owners of the other Eighty Shares make a Regular Settlem^{t} There at there own Charge & Expence in the Following manner Viz^{t} That Thirty Families be Settled upon Said Tract of Land Each having an House of Sixteen foot Square at Least or Equal Thereto &

Three Acres of Land Cleared and fitted for Tillage or Mowing upon their Respective Lots within four years next After a Proclamation of Peace between the English French and Indians and Ten Families more so Settled within five years from the Said Peace That within Six years next after the Said Peace a Meeting house for the Public Worship of God be built there fitted for that purpose for the use of the Inhabitants there and that they Maintain and Support the Constant Preaching of the Gospel There After the Expiration of Seven Years from the Said Peace —

That there be twenty Acres of Land left in Some Suitable Place within Said Boundaries for a Priviledge and accommodation of a Saw Mill which Shall be to him or them his or Their Heirs and Assigns who will build Such a Mill within five years from the Peace Aforesaid with the Privilege of the Most Convenient Stream and Place for doing the Same And in Consideration thereof for the benefit of the Said Inhabitants the owner or owners of Such Mill Shall Saw the Logs and Timber of the other of the Said Inhabitants there to the Halves for the term of ten years next After the Said mill Shall first work if Desired so to Do And if no Particular Person or Persons of the owners of Said Shares or Such Other Person or Persons as the Majority of them Shall permit to do the Same will Undertake to build Such Mill on the terms Aforesaid then the Said owners Shall do the Same at their Common Charge put the Said Mill under Such a Regulation as that they and Others Inhabiting There may have their Logs & Timber Sawed as Occasion may Require for building on the Land hereby granted

That Each owner of the Said Eighty Shares Pay to Such person or persons as the Majority of them Shall Elect for that purpose all Such Sum and Sums of Money bills of Public Credit as the Said owners or the Major Part of them shall Determine to be Necessary from time to time & as Occasion Shall Require to Defray the Charges of Laying out the Said Land as Aforesaid and other Matters and Things Necessary to be done for the Making a Settlement as Aforesaid and performing the other Matters and Things herein Directed to be Done. That in Laying out the Said Lots Care be taken to Sort them in Such a Manner as to make the Shares as Equal as possible That the Lots be Laid out in Ranges where the Land will Admit of it and Land left between the Ranges for Highways of four Rods wide and between the Lots of two Rods wide and that a Plan of the whole when So Laid out be made at the Charge of the Said owners and Returned to the Said Grantors as Soon as May be Done with Conveniency

That the Remaining Seventeen Shares Reserved as Aforesaid be

Exonerated acquitted & fully Exempted from paying any Charge towards making the Said Settlement and not held to the Conditions of the Eighty Shares aforesaid nor be Liable to any Tax or Assessment until Improved by the Respective Owners thereof

That all white Pine trees fit for Masting the Royall Navy be and hereby are Reserved and Granted to his Majesty his Heirs and Successors forever for that Purpose

That in Case the said Grantees Shall fail Neglect and Omit to Settle forty Families upon the Said Granted premises in Manner Aforesaid & within The term aforesaid Each family having the Quantity of three acres of Land Cleared & fitted as Aforesaid and to do and Perform the Several Articles Matters and Things above Mentioned to be performed and Done by the said owners of the Said Eighty Shares It Shall and may be Lawfull for the said Grantors or any of them or any Person or Persons in their name & Stead to their use and by their Authority or the Major Part of them to Enter into and Upon the said Granted Premises or any part thereof for the whole and thence to Amove oust and Utterly to Expel the Said Grantees and the said granted Premises Shall be forfeited to the use of the Grantors and they shall thereby be Reseized and Vested in their former Estate Right Title and Interest to and in the Said Granted Premises as Though this grant had never been Made and the Same Shall from Thenceforward be null Void and of none Effect to all Intents and Purposes any thing herein Contained to the Contrary Thereof Notwithstanding And all and Every of the Said Grantees who Shall not do and Perform his Respective part and Duty in Making and Carrying on the Said Settlem^{t} (in Case of the Settlement of forty families as Aforesaid) Such Delinquent owner Shall forfeit his Share and Right in the Said premises to Those who Shall have so Performed & done their part and duty as Aforesaid in Making the Said Settlement who Shall hereby have full Power and Authority into the said forfeited Right and Share to Enter and Thereof to become Seized to their own use in Manner Aforesaid

Provided Nevertheless That the Said grantees do and Shall when they Shall be Thereunto Respectively requested Enter into a Contract and Personally Oblige themselves and Their Respective Heirs & Assigns to do and Perform the Several Articles matters and Things by them herein before Mentioned to be Performed & done by Signing and Executing Such Instrument or Instruments in Writing as by Counsel Learned in the law Shall be Advised and Devised for that Purpose And in that Case and not Otherwise the said Grantors do Hereby promise and Ingage to the said Grantees that they the Said Grantors their Heirs and Assigns Shall and will at their own

Expence and Charge Try the Title of the Said Granted premises by pursuing and prosecuting an Action for the whole or any part thereof thro' the whole Course of Law to a final Judgment before the King in Council (if need be to Carry the Same So far) with Such Person or Persons as Shall be thereto Disposed who Shall Dispute the Title of the said Grantees hereby Conveyed — But in Case the Title of the Grantees Derived from the said Grantors by these presents to the Said Premises Shall be Condemned & the Title of the Person or Persons so Disputing with the Grantors to the Premises Shall by Such final Judgment be Prefer'd then the Grantees in these Presents Shall Recover Nothing of the said Grantors for the Said Premises nor for any Labour Expence and Charge they the said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns Shall have been at in Consequence of this grant

And it is to be Understood that the Numbers of Years Mention'd herein for the Said Grantees to do and perform the Several Articles Matters and Things aforesaid is to be So many years free from the Impediment and Interruption of an Indian War —

[*Draft of Lots in Middleton*, 1750.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 225.]

Province of New Hampsr } Portsmouth, April 11th 1750, Wednesday at the House of Ann Slayton Inn holder—The Draft of the Township granted to Ebenr Varney, William Wentworth, & others, under Direction of the Proprietors

drawn		No of Lots
1	George Jaffrey	79
3	Isaac Watson	93
5	Mark Hg Wentworth Esqr	48
7	Law Lot No 2	31
9	Danl Peirce & Mary Moor	96
11	Ephraim Wentworth	18
13	Ebenezer Horn	21
15	Jno Tufton Mason & John Thomlinson Esqrs	33
17	Benjamin Mason	94
19	John Wentworth jr Esq.	34
21	Timothy Roberts	35
23	Benja Weymouth	19
25	Daniel Hanson	50
27	Love Roberts Junr	62
29	John Ham junr	97
31	Eleazer Young	27
33	Benjamin Herd	3
35	Joseph Hanson	72
37	Nathll Austin	10
39	John Drew	68
41	John Tasket	59
43	William Horn	24
45	Theodore Atkinson Esqr	40
47	Isaac Hanson junr	44
49	Benja Stanton	41
51	Jona Murray	45
53	James Philpot	42
55	Moses Carr	17
57	John Cook Junr	53
59	Noah Emery	6
61	Samuel Varney	49
63	Andrew Marshal	39
65	Thomas Packer Esqr	92
67	Thomas Bickford	73
69	Eleazer Wear	36
71	Peter Cook	91
73	Law Lot No 1	61
75	John Pearl junr	13
77	Nathl Willand	52

drawn		No of Lots
2	Job Clements the 3d	86
4	Mark Hg Wentworth Esq	81
6	Nathaniel Young	47
8	Noah Cross	95
10	James Clements	22
12	Field Plumer	75
14	Benja Roberts	38
16	Richard Goodwin	83
18	John Herd	93
20	William Wentworth	66
22	James Guppy junr	12
24	Jonathan Gage	37
26	Samuel Herd	30
28	Thomas Varney	89
30	Thos Wallingford Esqr	43
32	Edward Ellis	88
34	School Lot	98
36	John Kielle	20
38	Tristram Coffin	15
40	Saml Solly & Clk March Esqrs	16
42	Richard Philpot	14
44	William Ham	58
46	John Varney	4
48	Ebenezer Varney	100
50	Richard Wibird Esqr	69
52	Samuel Young	25
54	Job Clements junr	82
56	Wm Whitehouse	71
58	Nathl Varney	77
60	Mark Giles	23
62	Benja Evans	78
64	Ebenr Garland	2
66	Richd Hussey	32
68	Joshua Peirce Esq	1
70	John Moffatt Esqr	51
72	Joseph Conner	63
74	Joshua Stagpole	60
76	Sylvanus Hussey	84
78	George Hanson	76

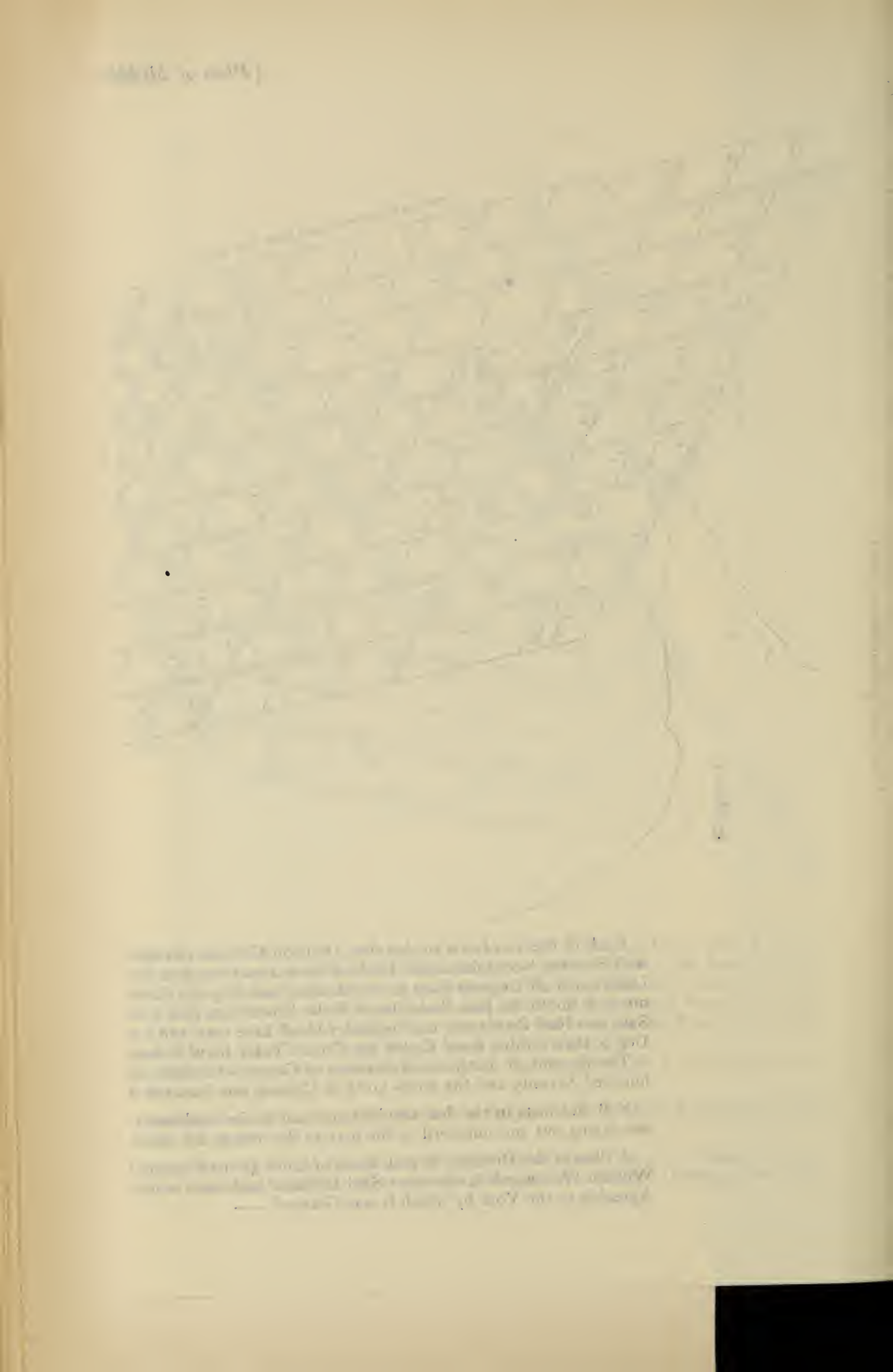
[*Plan of Middleton.*]

Each of the 100 Lotts in this first Division Contain 100 acres Excepting the four Lotts Joyning the Center which four Lotts being good Land & well Situated have taken from Each of them about one acre & one quarter of an acre to make the Six acre square as in the plan the Lenth of the Lotts north 48 Degrees East is one hundred and fifty Six Rods & the Breadth north one hundred thirty & five Rods as also the Roads that Run north & South are four Rods Broad & the Roads that Run north 48 Degrees East & South 48 Degrees west are two Roads Broad there is four of Said two Rod Roads one on Rochester Head Line then two Lotts Dep from Said Road & then a Second & from the Said Second Road three Lotts Dep & then a third Road Called the Crose Center Road & from Said Center Road three Lotts Dep & then a forth Road——

The Second or northermust Division ye Coase is the Same as the first Division & the Lotts are the Same Lenth north 48d E & they are one hundred Seventy and Six Rods north & Contain one hundred & thirty acres in each Lott

N B five lotts in the first hundred acrs not fit for settlement in sorting the lotts were put To the last Laying out And five lotts Taken out of the last laying out and numberd to the first as the minets are made up on the plan

A Plan of the Division of that Tract of Land granted by the Proprietors of the Land Purchassed of John Tufton Mason Esq to Ebenezr Varney William Wentworth & others as Said Division hath been made by the Grantees to be returnd to the Grantors in order to the Drawing the Lotts Agreable to the Vote by which it was Granted——



79	Thomas Roberts junr	57	
81	Thomas Wentworth	29	
83	Nathaniel Hanson	28	
85	John Hall	7	
87	Mark Wallingford	54	
89	John Roberts	67	
91	Jotham Odiorne Esqr	74	
93	Benjamin Wentworth	99	
95	John Gage Esqr	26	
97	Nathl Meserve, Joseph Blanchard, Joseph Green & Paul March— first Ministers Lot	9	70
80	Stephen Roberts	46	
82	Job Hussey	5	
84	Ephraim Hanson	56	
86	Joseph Wentworth	85	
88	Andrew Horn	64	
90	Timothy Hanson jr	65	
92	Joseph Varney junr	8	
94	John Bickford	55	
96	Samuel Clements	80	
98	Zachariah Pitman	87	
	Ministerial Lot	11	

Voted That this Draft of the Lots of Land in the Tract above mentioned be & hereby is ratified & confirmed & that each Lot be held to the Respective Person to whose Name it is affixed & to his Heirs & Assigns in Severalty on the Terms first Granted, & the Division as made by the Grantees & numbered in the Plan thereof by them returned be & hereby is also confirmed as aforesaid—

Geo: Jaffrey Proprs Cl.

a true Copy of the Record of the Draft of the Lotts in Township granted to Varney &ca

attest Geo: Jaffrey Proprs Cl

[*Theodore Atkinson to John Gage*, 1768.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 157.]

Dr Sr

Portsmo May 26—1768

In Pursuence of the Unanimos Desire of Masons Propriets Signified at thier Meeting held last Week I imediatly wrote you thier Determination (Viz) That they would without further Delay re-enter & regrant the Townships comonly called Midletown & North or Eastern Townships—the Proprietors The Grantors mentioned You as the most Suitable Person to Acquaint with thier Determination because you was the Principle agent in obtaining the Grant—I then mentioned the length of Time Since the Grant was made that neither Inhabitants or Cultivation agreable to the Stipulated Conditions or any of the Conditions were Performed & of Course no roads Cut & Cleared thô those Tracts to the Township above them so that great Inconvenience as well as Damage is dayly increesing by Your

thus delaying which Still continues thô so Often mentioned to you this Induced the above resolution & which you may Depend will be carryed into Execution the meeting of the Grantors Stands Adjourned to Wednesday June the 8th when tis Proposed to transact what is above mentioned I mention this that in case any Perticular Grantee that hath compleated & fullfilld His Conditions he may not be too Hardly dealt with--

You will therefore I hope take the Proper Notice of what I wrote last week as well as the above I am Sr in behalf of the Said Grantors

Your most Obedient Humble Servt
Theodore Atkinson

[*Theodore Atkinson to John Gage*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 158.]

Portsmo Janry 14th 1769

Coll Gage

I am Directed by the Proprietors of Masons Right Once more to advertize the Grantees of A Township above Rochester com'only calld the Midletown—that notwithstanding thier Promisses the Settlement is Still neglected in almost every article in the Conditions of the Grant but in a more Perticular Manner the road they Promised Should be cut thrô the sd Midle Town in the Most Direct way to Wolfburough which is Extreamly wanted—Wolfburrough long Since (the Midle Town granted) have cut A road thrô that Town—So hath Tuftonburo & Moultoburo &ca all which roads are rendred almost Usless for want of A Good road thrô Midletown—I should think the Proprietrs of Midletown would need no prompting to this Peice of Service if they would consider the great Advantage that would Attend it in a perticular Man'er to their Propriety—His Excellency the Governr & the Other Proprietors of Wolfburro complain greatly of this neglect of a Road, in a Perticular Manner—I am therefore at the request of Masons Propriety (at a full Meeting) to Acquaint you that unless that road is Imediatly Cutt & Cleared that Boards &ca may be (without Difficulty) Transported from Midletown to Wolfburo they are determined to Enter upon & regrant every dilinquents Share in Midletown without distinction or reserve—this I think is the unalterable Determination of the Grantors & that I hope you will advertize the Grantees of & what I have in Comand from the Grantors in whose behalf I am Sr Your

Friend & Humble Servt
Theodore Atkinson

[*Improvements in Middleton*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 159.]

Mens Names who are Heads of famlys Settled	N° of Lotts Settled on	Acres of Land Cleard	Acres of Trees fell	Houses
David Varney	N 62	¼	2	1
Nath[l] Varney	63	3½	4	1
John Drew	87	1	10	1
Silas Varney	Noah Cross orig[l]	½	2	1
Aron Drew	97	1	4	1
Heze[k] Varney	Isaac Watson orig[l]	3	2	1
Jn° Kenniston	7	3	3	1
W[m] Buzzell	7	4	5	1
W[m] Clark	5	2½	4	1
Job Allard	42	2	5	1
James Bryants	49	4	30	1
Nath[l] Wentworth	orig[l] Thos Wentworth	1½	6	1
Isaac Drew	6	2	4	1
		28¼	81	13

Mens Name that have began	N° of Lotts or Orig Owners	What Cleard	What Trees fell	Sort of Houses
Ephrim Ellis	Andrew Horn		1	
Charles Hilton	100		2	
Joseph Cook			1½	
Moses Whitehouse	70		5	a small frame
Joshua Guppy	12			part Logg House
John York	10		3	part of Logg House
Timothy Hanson			2	
Elias Critchett	Jn° Roberts		3	a small frame
William Elkins	3		3	a small frame
French	28		2	
Giddeon Johnson	Col° Gage		4	Part of Logg House
Jn° Tash	23, 24, 25, 26	1	20	
W[m] Horn	Org[l]		6	
m[r] Thomas	37, 38		4	
Ebenz[r] Perkins	41		4	Pole House
Benj York	50	1	4	
Nath[l] Wentworth	52	3	5	House frame
Jacob Pike	30	1	3	House
Nath[l] Stephens	Rich[d] Huzzey		4	Part House
Isaac Drew	4		4	
Joseph Durgon could not find the number			4	Logg House
				Saw Mill on W[m]
		6	86½	Wentworths Lott

Middleton Decem[r] 28, 1769

The above is an Acco[t] of the settlements & improvements in Middleton first division (nothing done on 2[d])

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℔ Jotham Rindge & Isaac Drew

[*Jotham Rindge to George Jaffrey*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 160.]

Middleton Decr 28 1769

sir I have herewith sent you an Acco't of Settlements & Improvements done in Middleton as the Governor desire'd wou'd let him know the State of this Town as soon as it was done shou'd much obld if wou'd show it him

Y^{r} H ser^{t}

To George Jaffery Esq. Jotham Rindge

[*Petition of Proprietors of Middleton*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 161.]

Province of
New Hampshire } To the Prop^{rs} of Masons Claim so called ——

The Humble Petition of the Proprietors of Middletown, So call'd in said Province, Sheweth, That the Prop^{rs} of said Middletown have been at very uncommon and extraordinary Charges in clearing and Making a Road thro' said Middletown to Wolfsborough in said Province —— That they have no possible way of Raising the Money to pay said Charges but by disposing of some of their Shares in said Middletown — But the Rumor that the Grant of said Township is forfeited, prevent Persons purchasing in said Town Wherefore your Petit^{rs} pray that the time limited in their Grant of said Town for Settlement may be protracted and they in Duty bound Shall &c Decr 28th 1769.

Moses Carr
Charles Baker
John Tash
John Gage Ju^{r}
} Agents for Middletown

[*Cost of Middleton Road.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 162.]

An Acco^{t} of the Cost of the Cutting, Clearing & Bridging a Road thro' the Township of Middle Town from Rochester Bounds to Wolfborough ——

To Benj[a] Hart for the Amo[t] of his Acco[t] paid the Labourers as ℔ Vouchers —	86—6—6
To John Drew paid Ditto as ℔ his Acco[t] of particulars & Vouchers —	209 : 3 : 10
To Sundry Tools supplyd by orders of His Excellency Govern[r] Wentworth	4,,13,,——
	300. 3. 4

[*Account of Work on Middleton Road*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 163.]

Township of Middleton to Benj[a] Hart & Co D[r] for Labour done on the Road ——

1769							
Aug[t] 31 ,,	To Benj[a] Hart, for 46 days Work & diet @	6—	£	.. 13	.. 16	.. 0	
	To Rich[d] Jenkins 39½ days D°	3—6		.. 6	.. 18	.. 3	
	To James Woodes, 37 days D°	3—6		.. 6	.. 9	.. 6	
	To Jacob Scagel, 21½ days D°	3—6		.. 3	.. 15	.. 3	
	To John Underwood, 34 days Ditto	3—6		.. 5	.. 19	.. 0	
	To William Gunnison 30 days D°	3—6		.. 5	.. 5	—	
	To Aaron Frost, 29 days D°	3—6		.. 5	.. 1	.. 6	
	To Graffam Nutter–22½ days D°	3—6		.. 3	.. 18	.. 9	
	To Will[m] Willson – 28½ days D°	3—6		.. 4	.. 19	.. 6	
	To John Reading — 8 days D°	3—6		.. 1	.. 8	—	
	To Will[m] White — 18 days D°	3—6		.. 3	.. 3	—	
	To Noah Peirse — 5 days D°	3—6		.. —	.. 16	.. 6	
	To John Kennison, 23 days D°	3—6		.. 4	.. —	.. 6	
	To William Buzzell, 16 days D°	3—6		.. 2	.. 16	—	
	To Joseph Hutchins, 11½ days D°	3—6		.. 2	.. —	.. 3	
	To Will[m] Clarke, — 20½ days D°	3—6		.. 3	.. 11	.. 9	
	To Thomas Plummer – 6 days himself @ 3—6– .. 1 .. 1 .. 0						
	his Cattle — 6 days @ 3— .. — .. 18 .. 0			.. 1	.. 19	—	
	To Sam[l] Plummer 8½ days himself @ 3—6– .. 1 .. 9 9						
	his cattle–10 days @3 .. 1 .. 10 —			.. 2	.. 19	.. 9	
	To Nath[l] Wentworth – 12 days–@3—6			.. 2	.. 2	—	

To Isaac Drew – 17 days—	3—6			..	2	.. 19	.. 6
To Rum for ye Comp^y^ at sundry times				..	—	.. 16	..—
To Moses Wentworth for use of Grindstone				..	—	.. 3	.. 6
				£	.. 84	.. 18	.. 6
To Paid George Place for look^g^ out Road	.. —	.. 8	.. 0				
To Expence & Trouble in settling Acco^s^	.. 1	.. 0	.. 0	..	1	.. 8	.. 0
				£	.. 86	.. 6	.. 6

Portsm^o^ Sep^t^ 1st 1769
Errors Excepted

Benj^a^ Hart

Mem^o^ of Tools Rec^d^ from Wentworth House Viz^t^

8 Hoes @ 6— 2 Axes @ 6—	£	.. 3	.. 0	.. 0	
2 Devonshire shovells @ 12—		.. 1	.. 4	.. 0	
1 Crow Barr — @ 6—		.. —	.. 6	..—	
1^ll^ Powder 3—2 Blankets Nutter & Ja^s^ Woodhouse		.. —	.. 3	..—	
		4 —	13 —		

[*Votes of Proprietors of Middleton*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 164.]

Provence of Newhampshier } At a Proprietors meeting Liagley warned and Held This 25th Day of December 1769 at the House of m^r^ Ephraim Hanson in Dover by the Proprietors of Middle Town So Called and the proprietors then Convaned Voted at said meeting as followeth

1^ly^ made Choise of m^r^ Charls Baker moderator of said meeting

2^ly^ the proprietors Voted to pay the Charge that the Govenor was at in Clearing the Road threw said Middle Town if the Grantors of said Town will Lengthen out the Charter or give said proprietors a Longer Time for Settlement —

3^ly^ Voted that m^r^ Charls Baker John Gage Ju^r^ m^r^ John Tash and Doctker moses Carr be agents to wate on the Honorable Grantors to Se if they will give the proprietors a Longer Tine for Settlement of Said Township ——

4^ly^ Voted that the formor Commite m^r^ Charls Baker John Gage

Ju^{r} and m^{r} John Tash be and are hereby Impowered to Sell all the Delinquant Proprietors Rights in said Town aCordeng to Law —

5^{ly} the proprietors the Voted that This meeting be adjorned To this Day fortnite at the House of m^{r} Ephraim Hanson in Dover and the modrator adjorned Said meeting aCordengly —

provence of Newhampshir } Dover January ye 8th 1770 meet aCordeng to adjornment and the proprietors Then Conveined Voted as folow-eth ——

1^{ly} Voted that Collo John Gage Collo John Wentworth and James Stoodly Esqr be agents to Joyne the former agents to wate on the Honorable grantors to see if they will give the proprietors a Longer Time for Settlement of said Township And Then the moderator adjorned said meeting to Next monday at Two o Clock in the after Noon of said Day at the House of m^{r} Ephraim Hanson in Dover—

A True Coppy — attest ——

John Gage Ju^{r} pro^{rs} Clark

[*John Drew's Account*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 165.]

His Excellency John Wentworth Esqr in an Acco^{t} with John Drew

Dr

1769	To Sundry Persons Labour on Middletown Road Computing to be 1038 days, for one hand, at 3—6^{d} p^{r} day as p^{r} an Acc^{t} Thereof Given in —	£181 .. 13 .. —
	To 69 days my self Taking Care and Carrying on the work @ 6— ℔ day—	20 .. 14 —
	To 1 Gall^{n} Rum Gave the People p^{r} y^{r} Excellency's Ord^{r} —	.. 6 —
	To 1^{lb} powder, Us'd in blowing Rocks —	.. 4 —
	To paid a Blacksmith for new steeling a pickax	.. 4 —
	To a New Hoe 0 .. 6 .. 0	
	To 1 Grindstone wore out & Spoild in the Service 1 .. 0 .. 0	1 .. 6 —
	To my Extra Time at Portsm^{o} in Ord^{r} to Draw Ord^{rs} and Settle the Acco^{ts} with the Labourers	1 .. 4 .. 0
	To paid Mr Shannon for drawing out all the Acco^{s} Writing Ord^{rs} and Attendance on the business	1 .. 0 .. 0
	To paid Capt Jacob Tilton for his bill of Expences	2 .. 12 .. 10
	Lawful M^{y}	£209 .. 3 .. 10

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1769	By Sundry Supplys Rec^{d} of Capt Martyn p^{r} bill —	5 .. 15 .. 6
	By ½ Quintal fish Rec^{d} of Mr Hurd —	.. 14 .. 0
		£6 .. 9 .. 6
	By Sundry Ord^{rs} Drawn on m^{r} Hurd in fav^{r} of the Labourers on Middletown Road —	

Portsmouth Novr 16th 1769
Errors Excepted ℔ John Drew

Prov^{e} of New Hamp^{r} } Portsm^{o} Novemb^{r} 16 1769. Then m^{r} John Drew appeared and made Solemn Oath to the Truth of the above Acc^{tt} that it was Just & True

Before H Wentworth Just^{e} Peace

[*John Drew's Account*, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 166.]

An Acco[t] of Labour done on Middletown Road by Sundry people Employ'd by John Drew. Viz[t]—

Mens Names	N[o] of days Each man	at what p[r] day	Sums Total of Each mans Wage
Jacob Skedgwell	8½	@3—6	1.. 9..9
John Berry	30	@3—6	5.. 5..0
William Gunnison	3	3—6	..10..6
Graften Nutter	58	3—6	10.. 3..0
Richard Jenkins	53	3—6	9.. 5..6
John Underwood	55	3—6	9..12..6
James Woodhouse	18½	3—6	3.. 4..9
Aaron Frost	9	3—6	1..11..6
John Redding	53	3—6	9.. 5..6
William Wilson	27	3—6	4..14..6
Silas Varney	11	3—6	1..18..6
Isaac Drew	5½	3—6	..19..3
Moses Wentworth	5	3—6	..17..6
John Kennison	3	3—6	..10..6
Nath[ll] Wentworth	3	3—6	..10..6
John York	1	3—6	.. 3..6
Gideon Johnson	1	3—6	.. 3..6
Benjamin Mooney	3	3—6	..10..6
William Clark	4	3—6	..14..0
Samuel Hall	63	3—6	11.. 0..6
Zach[r] Bunker	35	3—6	6.. 2..6
Joseph Jacobs	35	3—6	6.. 2..6
John Brown	35	3—6	6.. 2..6
Hate Evil Leighton	43	3—6	7..10..6
Samuel Horn	12½	3—6	2.. 3..9
Ebenezer Perkins	30	3—6	5.. 5..—
Solomon Perkins	27½	3—6	4..16..3
Samuel Nute	19½	3—6	3.. 8..3
Samuel Merry	19	3—6	3.. 6..6
Aaron Wingate	27	3—6	4..14..6
David Rand	11½	3—6	2.. 0..3
Richard Downs	14½	3—6	2..10..9
Thomas Cushing	11½	3—6	2.. 0..3
Jonathan Cushing	18½	3—6	3.. 4..9
Henry Wentworth	16½	3—6	2..17..9
Lemuel Ricker	17	3—6	2..19..6
Anthony Hanson	17	3—6	2..19..6

Mens Names	N° of days Each man	at what p^{r} day	Sums Total of Each mans Wage
Isaac Roberts	28	3—6	4..18..0
Ebenezer Wentworth	23½	3—6	4.. 2..3
Samuel Henderson	16	3—6	2..16..—
Samuel Astin	11	3—6	1..18..6
Joseph Thompson	6	3—6	1.. 1..—
Joseph Dam	6	3—6	1.. 1..—
Moses Jenness	6	3—6	1.. 1..—
Aaron Jenness	6	3—6	1.. 1..—
Samuel Furber	6	3—6	1.. 1..—
Theodore Furber	6	3—6	1.. 1..—
Benjamin Furber	6	3—6	1.. 1..—
Elijah Varney	6	3—6	1.. 1..—
Edward Varney	6	3—6	1.. 1..—
John Heard	6	3—6	1.. 1..—
Tristrum Heard	6	3—6	1.. 1..—
John Walker	6	3—6	1.. 1..—
Nathl Perkins	6	3—6	1.. 1..—
John Nute	6	3—6	1.. 1..—
Solomon Clark	11½	3—6	2.. 0..3
Joshua Wentworth	10½	3—6	1..16..9
Thomas George	18	3—6	3.. 3..—
William Wingate	9	3—6	1..11..6
Samuel Wingate	11	3—6	1..18..6
Peter Burroughs	11	3—6	1..18..6
	1038 days		£181..13..0

Prov^{e} of New Hamp^{r} } Portsm^{o} Novemb^{r} 16th 1769 Then m^{r} John Drew appeared and made Solemn Oath to the Truth of this acc^{t} above & on the other Side that it was Just and True to the Best of his Knowledge—

Before H Wentworth Just^{s} Peace

[*Votes of Proprietors of Middleton*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 168.]

Province of Newhampshire } At A Proprietors meeting Leaguly Warned and held by the proprietors of a Tract or New Town ship of Land in said province Commonly Known By the Name of

middle Town at the House of m^r^ Ephraim Hanson Inholder in Dover on monday the 5th Day of This Instant febuary 1770 and the proprietors then Convened Voted at Said meeting as followeth Viz: —

1^ly^ the proprietors made Choise of Docth^r^ Moses Carr for their moderator

2^ly^ the proprietors Voted persuant to a Resolve of the Grantors of the Right of John Tuftin Mason Esqr—Derected to the agents of Said propriete and the proprietors Voted & Resolved that John Gage Junr Cleark of said propriete be & hereby is Directed forth with to Transe mit to the Grantors aforesaid a List of the proprietors Names & how much Each proprietor has paid Towards Settling said Town & an aCount of what money has been Rased & Voted for that purposs, and further Voted that the said Grantes are willing the Said Grantors should Resume the Rights of fifteen of the proprieters which have done Least Towards the Settlement of said Town provided they pay their proportion of all past & future Charges and Lengthen out the Charter of Said Town Two years from This Date— and the proprietors further Voted that John Gage Ju^r^ m^r^ Charls Baker & James Stoodly Esqr be agents to wate on the Grantors with a Coppey of this Vote at there Nex meeting at porsmouth and Then the modrator of said meeting adjorned said meeting To monday ye 12th Day of this Instant Febuary at the house of m^r^ Ephraim Hanson Inholder in Dover at Two o Clock in the after Noon of Said Day—

A True Coppey Exammened p^r^ me

John Gage Ju^r^ pro^s^ Clark

[*Letter of Gov. Wentworth*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 169.]

Portsm^o^ 6th Febr^y^ 1770

Gentlemen

The justice & necessity of having a good Road thro' Middleton, and the total neglect of the Grantees thereof, for many years to make it; being by almost every member of your Society well known & often Complain'd of—And having myself suffer'd above Five hundred dollars, & more than once had my life endanger'd for want of s^d^ roads; I was (upon encouragment from many of your Members that the Lands shou'd directly pay for it) induc'd to undertake & order that the s^d^ Road shou'd be effectually made—Many of the Labourers employ'd thereon are yet unpaid, and extremely distressed thereby—The Lands are improv'd in Value at lest Six times

—The Country above is enabled to settle; And ev'ry possible advantage results, beyond expectation both to that Town and also to all your adjacent property—Nevertheless these people of Middleton neglect to repay the Sum; thus necessarily & beneficially expended—You Gen^{t} are too well inform'd of the circumstances for me to add more—Only That I may request you will consider the releif due to the poor labourer in this case; & give order that so much may be be sold as will discharge this acco't—or that the Proprietors thereof repay it if they please—Or any other method that can complete it, which you prefer—I have no other interest in it, than of a settler who has already suffer'd too much for want of the Road, to be able to pay for this myself, merely to indulge & enrich a set of Men, whose neglect has been injurious to all that part of the Province, and leaves them scarce worthy of any favor from you; whose Grant they have already so manifestly abused and forfeited—I am very respectfully

Gen^{t} Your most hble ser^{t}

J' Wentworth

To The Proprietors of Mason's Patent in New-Hampshire.

[*Improvements in Middleton*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 170.]

A list of the Names of the proprietors of middle Town So Called and the Number of Each proprietors Right or Shear in said Town and what Each proprietor has paid and Done Towards the Settlement of said Town and what money has been Voted to be Rased and on Each proprietors Right in Said Township--

	The Number of Each Right	What Each proprietor has paid	What Each proprietor has Done Towards settlemet	What money has been Voted and assessed on Each Right
		£ s d		£ s d
Job Clemments	86	2– 8–0		10–0–0
Isaac Watson	93		a House Bult & family	10:0:0
Nathanel Young	47	5:17:0	5 Acers fell	10:0:0
Noah Cross	95		house & family	10:0:0
James Clemments	22			10:0:0
Ephraim Wentworth	18	4: 1:0		10:0:0
Bidfield plumer	75	3– 9–0		10:0:0
Ebenezar Horn	21	4–10–0		10:0:0
Benjm Robarts	38	10: 0:0	a house on it	10:0:0
Richard Gooding	83			10:0:0
Benjm Mason	94	1: 1:0		10:0:0
John Heard	90	3– 9–0		10:0:0
William Wentworth	66			10:0:0
Timothy Robarts	35	5:17:0		10:0:0
James Guppey Jur	12		a house & famely	10:0:0
Benjm Waymouth	19	5: 2–0		10:0:0
John Gage Esqr	26	5: 0:0	A House bult	10:0:0
Jonathan Gage	37	5: 0–0	3 acers fell	10:0:0
Danel Hanson	50	5: 2–0	a house bult	10:0:0
Samuel Heard	30	5: 0–0	a house bult	10:0:0
Love Robarts Jur	62	1: 1:0	a house & family	10:0:0
Thomas Varney	89			10:0:0
John Ham Jur	97		a house & family	10:0:0
Elezar Young	27	5: 3:0		10:0:0
Edward Ellis	88	4: 4:0		10:0:0
Benjm Heard	3	3– 9–0	a house fram & 3 acers fell	10:0:0
Joseph Hanson	72	5: 3-0		10:0:0
John Kielle	20			10:0:0
Nathanel Austin	10	2: 2:0	a house bult	10:0:0

	The Number of Each Right	What Each proprietor has paid	What Each proprietor has Done Towards Settlemet	What money has ben Voted and assessed on Each Right
		£ s d		£ s d
Tristrum Coffin . . .	15			10:0:0
John Drew	68		a house & family	10:0:0
John Tasker . . .	59	0:15:0		10:0:0
Richard philpot . . .	14	3:12:0	3 acers fell	10:0:0
William Horn . . .	24	3: 7:0	4 Acers fell	10:0:0
William Ham . . .	58	5: 3:0		10:0:0
John Varney . . .	4	1:16:0	3 acers fell	10:0:0
Isaac Hanson Jur . . .	44			
Ebenezar Varney . . .	100			10:0:0
Benjm Stanton . . .	41	2: 1:0	5 acers fell	10:0:0
Jonathan Merrow . . .	45		4 acer fell & house & famly	10:0:0
Samul Young . . .	25	5: 3:0	10 acers fell	10:0:0
James philpot . . .	42	3: 6:0	house & family	10:0:0
Zachariah Pitman . . .	84	5: 3:0		10:0:0
Jobe Clemments Juner . .	82	9:17:0		10:0:0
Samul Clemments . .	80	2:16:0		10:0:0
Moses Carr	17	4. 6.0		10:0:0
William Whitehouse . .	71	15:15:0	a house	10:0:0
John Bickford . . .	55	2: 0:0		10:0:0
John Cook Jur . . .	53	6:15:0	5 acers fell	10:0:0
Nathanel Varney . . .	77			10:0:0
Noah Emery . . .	6		a house & family	10:0:0
Mark Gills	23	5: 3:0	10 acers fell	10:0:0
Samul Varney . . .	49	5: 8:0	a house & family	10:0:0
Benjm Evens . . .	78	4:10:0		10:0:0
Andrew Marshall . . .	39			10:0:0
Ebenezar Garland . .	2			10:0:0
Richard Hussey . . .	32	4.10.0	a house	10:0:0
Thomas Bickford . . .	73	5: 8:0	2 acers fell	10:0:0
Elezar wiare . . .	36	2:17:0		10:0:0
Petter Cook	91	6: 8:0	3 acers fell	10:0:0
Joseph Connor . . .	63	1:10:0	a house & family	10:0:0
Joshua Stakpole . . .	60	3: 9:0		10:0:0
John Peire Jur . . .	13			10:0:0
Silvanus Hussey . . .	84	9:17:0		10:0:0
Nathanel Willand . . .	52		4 acers & frame	10:0:0
George Hanson . . .	76	4: 7:0		10:0:0
Thomas Robarts Jur . .	57			10:0:0
Stephen Robarts . . .	46	3:12:0		10:0:0

	The Number of Each Right	What Each proprietor has paid	What Each proprietor has Done Towards Settlemet	What money has ben Voted and assessed on Each Right
		£ s d		£ s d
Thomas Wintworth . .	29		a house famly	10:0:0
Job Hussey	5	1: 2:0	a house & famly	10:0:0
Nathanel Hanson . . .	28	3. 9.0	3 acers fell	10:0:0
Ephraem Hanson . . .	56	5: 3:0	5 acers fell	10:0:0
John Hall	7	9.0	2 houses & famelys	10:0:0
Joseph wintworth . .	85			10:0:0
Mark Walingsford . .	54	4: 1:0	a house & famly	10:0:0
Andrew Horne . . .	64	9:11:0	2 acers fell	10:0:0
John Robarts . . .	67			10:0:0
Timothy Hanson Jur . .	65	6: 4:0		10:0:0
Joseph Varney Jur . .	8	5: 3:0		10:0:0
Benjm Wintworth . . .	99			10:0:0

This is a Trew List of the Numbers of Each proprietors Right of Middle Town So Called and what Each proprietor has paid in Labour and what Each proprietor has Done Towards Settling his Right in said Town aCording to the aCounts brought in to us by the proprietors

pr us— Charles Baker } Assessors of Middle Town
John Gage Jur } propriete

Dover febuary ye 13th 1770—
A Trew Coppey Attest John Gage Jur pros Clark

[*Shares Taken by Masonian Proprietors*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 171.]

Portsmo Feby 14th 1770

It is concluded and determined by the Proprietors that they will accept fifteen of ye Sixteen Rights or Shares on which nothing has been paid or any Settlement made on Said Rights as ye same has been exhibitted ye Clerk except ye Right of Ebenr Garland who is represented an Object of Charity the Said fifteen Shares to be drawn

4th	Mr John Rindge	44
5th	Mary Moore & Daniel Peirce Esqr	83
6th	Blanchard & Meserve & Co	85
7th	Thomas Wallingford Esqr	77
8th	Jotham Odiorne Esqr Right	89
9th	George Jaffrey Esqr	100
10th	Theodore Atkinson Esqr	67
11th	Thomas Packer Esqr	39
12th	Richard Wibird Esqr Right	66
13th	John Wentworth Esqr Right	99
14th	Samuel Solly & Clemt March	15
15th	Mason & Thomlinson	57

[*Memorandum of Conditions of Settlement.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 172.]

Memorandom of the Conditions that part of the inHabitants of Dover & summorsworth Protitioners are Willing To obliage them selves To Comply With Humbly sueath Viz—

1ly To build 30 houses and seatle 30 Inhabitants in six years after it is a Declard Peace with the Franch and Endens and holds Peace so long a Time & Ct—

2 In 2 years after To Buld Ten houses and seatle Ten Inhabitants and Buld a meating Hous on Each six mill Town ship and To Cleare Three acors of land fit To Plant Corne on Each of the above loots—

3 To have but Two Devitions in a shiare

Terms for ye Towns above & Joining upon Rochester of 6 mile square each to contain 100 shares 20 of w'ch for ye grantors

Voted Conditions to be Complied with

1st 30 Fams in 3 years after a peace &ca

2d 10 Fams more in 4 Years after peace &ca

3d in 5 years after peace meetg house built

4 That ye Grantees enter into Contract with ye Grantors to Comply with Terms of Grant

5 if the Terms of settlement of sd 40 Fams be not complyed with ye whole of said Township to be forfeited and revert to Grantors but if Complyed with then Such of ye other 40 Grantees who do not comply with yes Terms of ye grant their shares to be forfeited to Such of ye Grantees who shall comply with ye Terms of ye Grant

MILFORD.

[Constituted from parts of Hollis, Amherst, and the Mile Slip, and included Charlestown and Duxbury School Farms. Incorporated Jan. 11, 1794. Unsuccessful attempts at incorporation were made in 1779 and 1780. A portion of Amherst was annexed Dec. 20, 1842, and a portion of Lyndeborough, June 27, 1873.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 397; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 603; Index to Laws, 345; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 55; History, by G. A. Ramsdell, in press; Bill of Mortality, 1806–21, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 32; sketch, by J. B. Connor, 5, Granite Monthly, 175; Milford Springs, 8, *id.*, 207; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 15; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 213; sermons, by Humphrey Moore, 1836, pp. 24; Report of Proceedings at Centennial Celebration, 1894, *The Farmer's Cabinet*, June 28, 1894; One of Many: A Sketch of Milford, by G. H. Moses, 16, *Granite Monthly*, 389.]

[*George Jaffrey to Joseph Blanchard*, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 173.]

Portsm° July 6th 1749—

Sir

Yesterday Mr Shepperd Appeared at our Meeting and requested a Confirmation of the Proprietors of that Part of Duxbury School farm they Engag'd to him for his Settlemt thereon in Opposition to Fuller—

The proprietors were unanimous in his having our Moiety or half Part of the Whole for quality and Quantity but he Seemed Desirous of having one half as he would Choose to take it—Which they apprehend might be inconsistent with their Primary Intention towards him but more Especially with their Agreement and Vote Respecting Fuller (Which if I Remember right you was present at the Transacting) which was that for a money Consideration (which Fuller has paid) he was to have one half Equally to be Divided Quality and Quantity of the said Duxbury School farm As the Different Sentiments and Views of the two persons interested might Produce a Troublesome Difference The Proprietors think it would be Most Effectually prevented by your Undertaking to make the Division between the parties, to be Done at the Parties Expence Wch Sheppard Consents to, wherefore Assoon as your Conveniency will Allow the Proprietors desire you would make the Division before Describd

and Send a plan of it to have the Affair finished by them and if Sheppard's Improvements can Consistently ly reserved to him, at his request it may be Done

in behalf and Direction of the Proprietors I am your Most Hble Servt—

Geo Jaffrey

To Joseph Blanchard Esqr at Dunstable

[*Deed to John Stevens*, 1751.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 174.]

Know all Men by these Presents, that whereas the Proprietors purchasers of Lands of John Tufton Mason Esqr in the Province of New Hampshire at their Meeting held the 16th day of June 1749 by their vote Authorized me the Subscriber Joseph Blanchard of Dunstable in the Province of New Hampshire Esqr to grant all their Right & Interest in Certain lands west of Dunstable as in & by said Vote will more fully appear now therefore by virtue of the Authority aforesd I the said Joseph Blanchard in behalf of the aforesaid Proprietors for Good Consideration rec'd of John Stevens of Townshend in the County of Midx in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Esqr have & by these Presents Do Convey Quit Claim & forever Release unto the said John Stevens his Heirs & assigns all the Right Title Estate property & Interest of the said Proprietors of in & unto a Tract of Land in the Province of New Hampr aforesaid Containg 657 acres be the same so much more or less Chiefly lying in that Tract called the Mile Slip, near the Southerly end thereof bounded as follows at the N. westerly Corner of land formerly Wm Lawrences from thence N. 59 D W 60 Rods—S 31 D W—160 rods. N 57 D W 74 Rods. S 33 W. 120 N 58 W 194—S 47. W 212—S 43 E 78—from thence by the Province line S 80 E 180—N 62 E 113 S 58 E 104—N 2 E 74—S 47 E 86—N 88 E 60: N 100 N 59 W 76 N 31 E 160 to the first bound mentioned To have & to hold to the sd John Stevens his heirs & assigns forever so that the Proprietors aforesd shall have no future claim in the Premises Witness my hand & Seal this 8th day of November 1751.

Joseph Blanchard [Seal]

Signed Sealed & delivered in
presence of
William Lawrence
Joseph Blanchard Jur

a Copy
no acknowledgement, but three persons appeared & made Oath, that they, by being acquainted with, & Compar^{g} the Hand Writing of Joseph Blanchard Esqr believ'd it to be the hand writing of Joseph Blanchard Esqr late of Dunstable Deceased &c &c
Rec'd & Recorded July 11th 1772 in the County of Hillsb^{o}

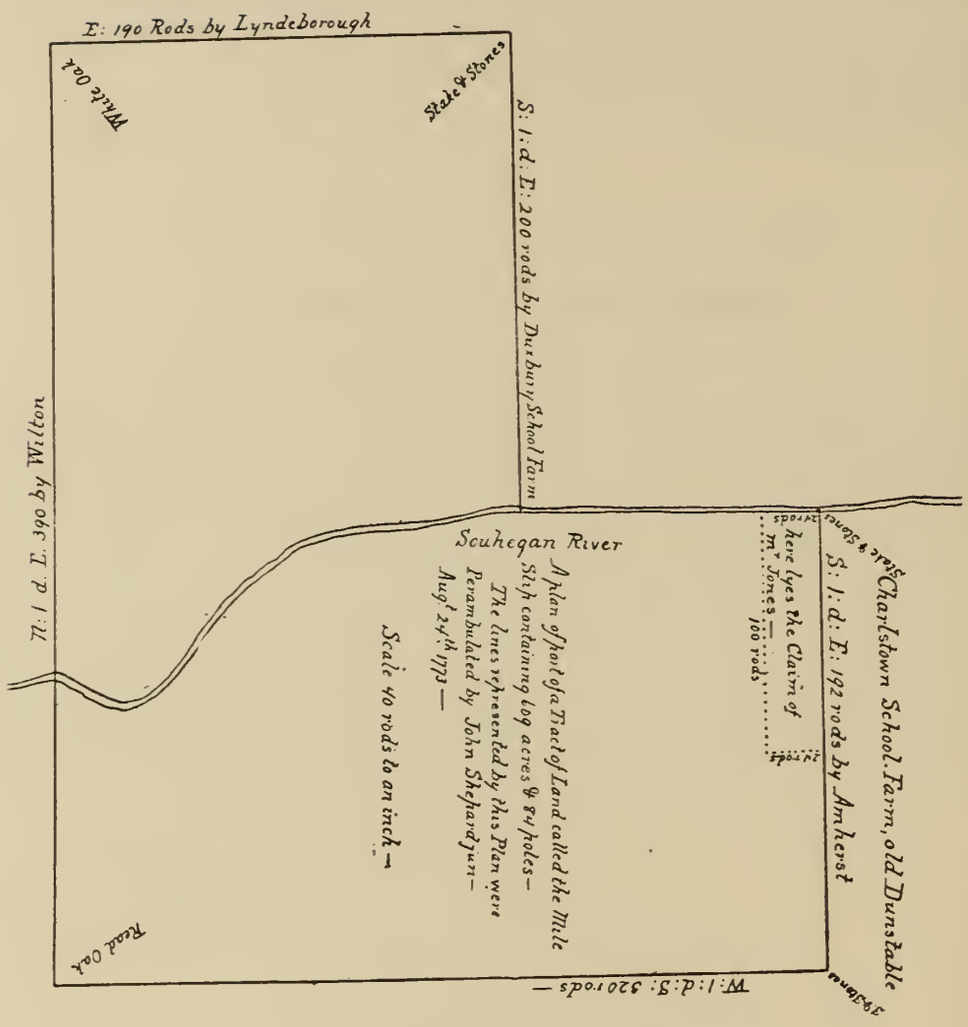
[*Agreement with David Chandler*, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 175.]

Portsm^{o} June 25th 1773 Then Agreed with David Chandler of Andover in ye Prov: of the Mass^{a} Bay Husbandman That the Prop^{rs} of ye land purchased of Jno Tufton Mason Esqr in New Hampshire will grant to him a tract of Land in the Mile Slip so called lying at ye head of Dunst^{a} ungranted in the northerly part of ye Said mile Slip, as it lays in body, ye whole tract at one Dollar ℔ Acre be ye Same more or less, to be Surveyed by an able Surveyor—and that ye Same be done as Soon as may be, and ye Said Chandler to be at ye Expence of ye said survey and ye said Chandler to pay one half of ye Sum ye said land shall amount and the other half thereof at y^{e} Expiration of Six months with Interest for y^{e} same till paid giving Security for y^{e} same—

David Chandler
Geo: Jaffrey in behalf &
℔ order of y^{e} Prop^{rs}

[*Plan of Mile Slip*, 1773.]



MOULTONBOROUGH.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Nov. 17, 1763, to Col. Jonathan Moulton and others, and named in honor of Col. Moulton. Moultonborough Gore was annexed Jan. 24, 1765. Incorporated Nov. 27, 1777. Long Island was annexed Dec. 30, 1799.

See XII, Hammond Town Papers, 616; Index to Laws. 360; sketch, by W. H. H. Mason, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 392; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 584; Biographical Notices of Physicians, by T. Shannon, 1, N. H. Repository, 72.]

[*Petition for Grant*, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 176.]

Province of New Hamps^{r} } To the Gentlemen that Claim some part of the ungranted Lands in said Prov^{e} by virtue of their purchase of John Tufton Mason—

Whereas the late Assembly of said Province did pass Some Votes in order to agree with & buy said Claim of said purchasers for the Inhabitants—We the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Hampton Desire we may have some of those Lands confirmed unto us on reasonable Terms—Hampton November 15th 1748—

Jon^{a} Moulton Esqr	Joseph Dow	Joseph Philbrick
Jeremiah Marston	William Vittum	Thomas Nudd
Ephraim Marston	Joseph Palate	Edwd Shaw Junr
Benj^{a} Page	Caleb Towle	Joseph Johnson
John Moulton 4th	Christopher Toppan	Benj^{a} Mason
Samuel Garland	Jon^{a} Leavitt	Saml Brown Junr
Samuel Dow	Nathan Moulton Junr	Benj^{a} Tuck
Benj^{a} Bachelder	John Tuck	Joshua James
John Lampery	Thomas Rand	Joshua Towle
Jeremiah Towle	Reuben Page	Joseph Palmer
Philip Towle	Thomas Brown	Jeremiah Dow
Philip Hooker	John Moulton Junr	Ezekiel Moulton J^{r}
Stephen Page	John Moulton 3^{d}	Amos Knowles
Simon Marston	Amos Coffin	Jacob Brown
Ephraim Marston Junr	Samuel Drake	Shubel Dearborn
Simon Dow Junr	John Moulton	Jon^{a} Shaw Junr
Jon^{a} Marston Junr	Anthony Emery Esqr	Joseph Sanborn
Josiah Dearborn	Joshua Lane Junr	Nathl Towle
Ebenezer Lane	Nathl Drake	Benj^{a} Randell
Elisha Towle	John Taylor	Saml Brown 3^{d}

[*Charter of Moultonborough*, 1763.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Nov. 17, 1763.]

Province of New Hampsh^{r} } Portsmouth November 17th 1763 Thursday five of the Clock afternoon at the House of James Stoodly Innholder—the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted. That there be and hereby is Granted on the Terms Limitations and Conditions hereafter in this Vote Declared for the due Encouragement & promoting of the Settlement of the Country, To

Jonathan Moulton Esqr Ephraim Marston, Jeremiah Marston Benjamin Page, Benjamin Bachellor, John Lamprey, Jeremiah Towle, Philip Towle, Stephen Page, Simon Dow jun^{r} Christopher Toppan Esqr, Jonathan Leavitt, Nathan Moulton jun^{r} John Tuck Thomas Rand, Thomas Brown, John Moulton John Moulton the third, Amos Coffin, Anthony Emery Esqr, Joshua Lane jun^{r} James Philbrick, Edward Shaw jun^{r} Joseph Johnson, Joshua James Joshua Towle, Joseph Palmer, Jonathan Shaw jun^{r} William Simpson, Joseph Sandborn, Nathaniel Towle, Josiah Dearborn, Ebenezer Lane, Samuel Brown, Jonathan Elkins, William Lane, John Taylor, Samuel Towle, Bradbury Richardson, Nathaniel Ambrose, Josiah Moulton 3rd Jonathan Moulton 3rd Benjamin Sandborn, Benning Moulton, all of Hampton in said Province, George Place of Rochester in said Province, William Vittum jun^{r} Samuel Robinson both of said Hampton. Philip Hooker of Portsmouth in said Province, Elisha Towle, Worthington Moulton, John Garland, Joseph Garland, William Vittum, Richard Nason Esqr Benjamin Mason, Shubal Dearborn, Thomas White, John Neal, Richard Cutts Shannon, Ebenezer Blake, Simon Nudd, Jonathan Garland, all of said Hampton—And to their Heirs & Assigns in Equal Shares all the Right, title, Interest, Estate, property, and Demand of the said Proprietors (Excepting and Reserving as is hereinafter Expressed) of, in & unto all that Tract of Land in said Province of the Contents of Six Miles Square, or Equal thereto, Bounded as follows vizt Beginning at the North Easterly Corner of a Tract of Land, granted by the said Proprietors to Samuel Palmer Esqr & others on the Northerly Shore of Winnepisseoky Pond, thence Running North Westerly by said Tract of land of said Palmer's & others to the Curve or head line of Masons Patent so called, thence North Easterly as the said Curve line run's, so far as that a Strait line, drawn from that Period to the North West or upper Corner of a tract of Land Granted by said Proprietors to Col^{o} John Tufton Mason Esqr will Contain within that & the other lines a tract of Land equal to Six Miles Square, and from the said North Corner of said Masons Tract, to run by the said Tract of Land to said Pond, then by the shores of the Pond, Including a Neck & Point of Land, running into the Pond until it Comes to the Place where the said Bounds begins, To have and to hold the said Granted Premises to the said Persons above Named as Grantees, their Heirs & Assigns, in Equal Shares Excepting, and Reserving as is hereafter Declared on the following Terms, Limitations & Conditions viz. That the whole Tract of Land, within the said Boundaries, excepting what shall be necessary for high ways, & other Public and Common uses, be divided, and Laid out into Eighty two shares, & each Share into two Seperate Lots,

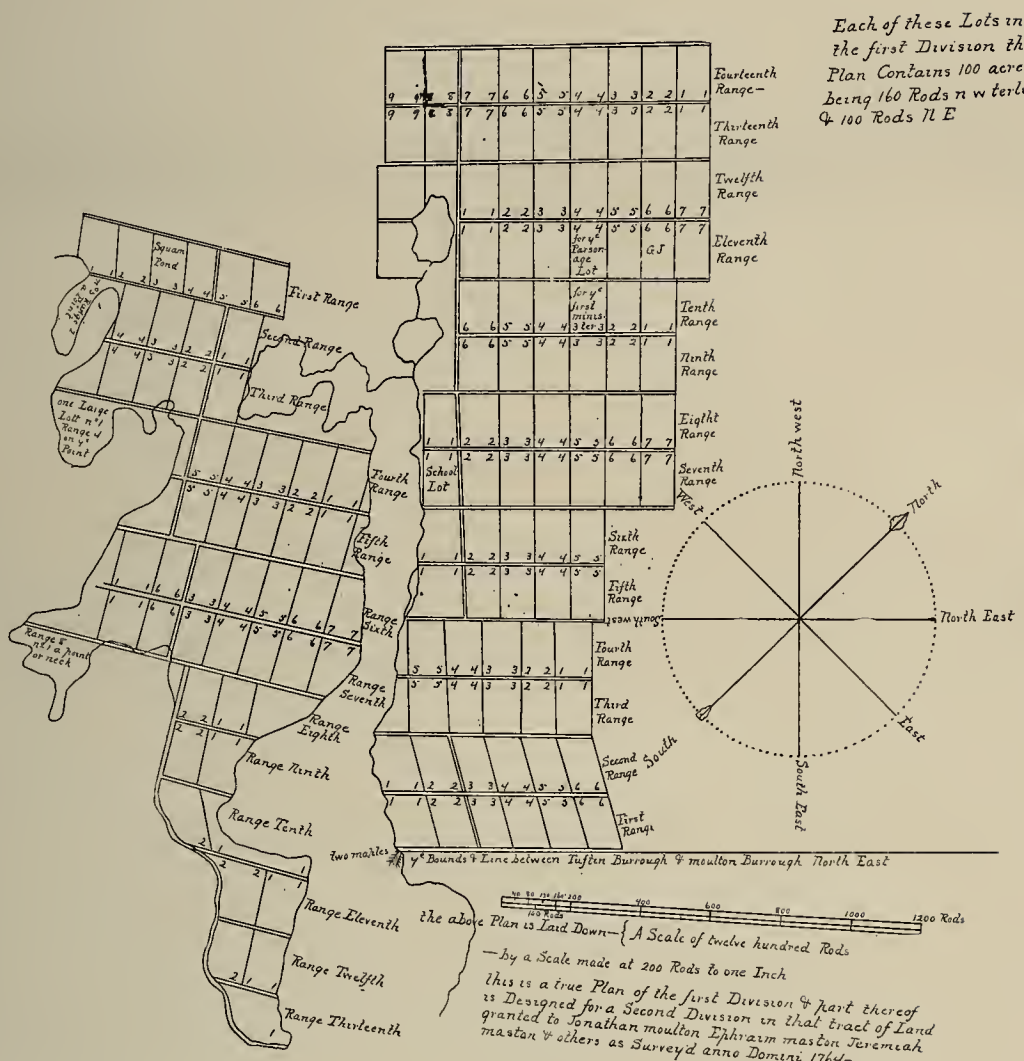
within Seven Months from the Date hereof & that twenty of said Shares be & hereby is Reserved for the use of the Grantors the said Proprietors, their Heirs & Assigns—

That the said Grantees at their Own Expence & Charge, Settle on said Tract of Land, twenty Families with Suitable Houses for their Dwelling within one Year from the Date hereof & that the Persons so Settled be proceeding in Clearing and Cultivating said Land or that part thereof on which they shall be Settled, and fifteen Families more within two Years from said Date, and fifteen Families more within three Years from said Date, with houses as aforesaid, and making Improvement in Clearing & Cultivating said Land, & Ten families more all as aforesaid, within four Years from that time— That a Meeting house for the Public Worship, be built on some Suitable Spot within said Tract of Land within three Years from said Date, and preaching of the Gospel duly Supported and Maintain'd Constantly within Six Years from said time That land be duly left between the Ranges of the Lots of Land so to be laid out of the Breadth of four rods for high ways, and between the Lots of Land for ways of the Breadth of two Rods, and at the End of the high Ways at the Pond Suitable Lots or Parcells of Land shall be left for Landing places, at least half an Acre at the End of each high way and as many such high ways Shall be laid out, to the Pond as said Tract of Land will admit, That the reserved Shares be Exempted & freed of any charge and Duty of Settlement untill Actually Improved in whole or in part—That this Tract of Land be accepted in Lieu and in stead of that tract of land voted by said Proprietors to be Granted to Ephraim Marston alias Major Jonathan Moulton, and Associates, and is Meant & Intended by the Grantors so to be and the Grantees in this Grant shall have and hold the same on that Condition, and such proposed Grant is hereby Declared by the mutual agreement of all Parties to be Satisfied by this Grant which is made instead thereof— That as there may be a Conveniency to the Owners of each Share to have a part and Proportion in the Neck & point of Land aforesaid with other Good land Adjacent there shall be just Proportion thereof appropriated & laid out to every Share of said Tract of Land so as to make the Shares Equal having Regard to Quantity and Quality of the Land—

That all White Pine trees, growing on said Tract of Land fit for his Majesty's use be & hereby is Reserved for that Intent & purpose— That the said Tract of Land shall be laid out as aforesaid in two lots to each Share and a Plan thereof made & returned within Nine Months each lot to be well mark'd on the land, and the Lots that belong to each Share be mark'd with the same Number, the same to

be made as just & Equal as may be, and that the same be drawn for here in Portsmouth by the Grantors or under their Discretion—That the right of such Grantees in said Tract of Land as shall Neglect to pay their Proportion of all Charges, Taxes, and Expences as the same shall be Necessary and Demanded the Right of such Negligent & Delinquent Person shall be & hereby is Declared to be forfeited to the other of said Grantees. That three of the said reserved Shares be for Publick uses, viz. One for the first Minister of the Gospell that shall be Settled on said Tract of Land, & Continue there untill regularly Dismist, another for the use of the Ministry, the other for the use & toward the Support of a Publick School there forever—Provided further that in Case of failure of performing the Conditions aforesaid on the part of the Grantees, the said Grantors shall and may hereby enter into the said Premises in part in the name of the whole, or into the whole, & the said Grantees wholly to Remove, oust & Expel—

[Plan of Moultonborough, 1764.]



[*Draft of Lots in Moultonborough*, 1764.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 243.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth June 7th 1764, At a Convention of the Proprietors of the Lands, purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr in the Province of New Hampshire—Consented & agreed that the Number of Lots to the number of Grantors & Grantees be now drawn for, in the first Division of Lots laid out in the Tract of Land, granted to Jona Moulton Esqr Ephraim Marston, Jeremiah Marston & others—

	Lot	range		Lot	range
for the first Minister	3	10	for the Parsonage Lot	4	11
for the School Lot	1	7	Thos Wallingford Esq	6	9
George Jaffrey	6	11	John Wentworth Esqr	4	9
Thomlinson & Mason	1	1	Joshua Peirce Esqr	2	8
John Moffatt Esqr	5	5	Samuel Livermore Esq	5	3
William Parker Esq	2	2	Solly & March	2	1
Thomas Packer Esqr	7	7	Meserve Blanchard & others—	1	8
Jotham Odiorne Esqr	9	14			
Richard Wibird Esqr	3	2	Moore & Peirce	1	2
John Rindge	7	14	Mark Hs Wentworth Esqr	7	11
Grantees			Theodore Atkinson Esqr	5	2
Philip Towle	1	9	Nathl Ambrose	2	4
Jona Moulton Esqr	3	4	John Neal	2	14
Richd Cutts Shannon	8	14	Elisha Towle	3	9
John Tuck	1	4	Samuel Brown	4	4
James Philbrick	4	2	Simon Nudd	5	14
Benja Mason	5	1	Benja Sanborn	6	2
Benning Moulton	5	8	Philip Hooker	8	13
Joshua James	4	14	John Garland	6	1
Amos Coffin	9	13	Joseph Palmer	5	9
Anthony Emery	4	8	Jona Moulton 3d	2	9
Joshua Towle	7	8	Ephraim Marston	2	13
William Vittum junr	3	11	Shubael Dearborn	1	6
Joseph Sanborn	1	14	Stephen Page	5	10
Thomas Brown	6	14	William Vittum	4	6
Josiah Moulton 3d	5	6	William Simpson	7	13
John Taylor	3	14	Thomas White	4	13
Christor Toppan Esqr	7	12	Josiah Dearborn	3	8
John Moulton	2	12	John Lamprey	5	11
Samuel Towle	5	4	Jeremiah Marston	6	12
Nathaniel Towle	2	6	Samll Robinson	2	7
Jonathan Leavitt	2	11	Jona Elkins	1	11

	Lot	range		Lot	range
Richard Nason Esqr . .	5	13	Ebenezer Lane . . .	3	6
Thomas Rand . . .	5	12	Nathan Moulton jun^{r} . .	6	7
Simon Dow . . .	4	12	Worthington Moulton . .	1	13
Joseph Garland . .	6	10	William Lane . . .	5	7
Ebenezer Blake . .	6	8	Benj^{a} Page	3	7
Edward Shaw Junr . .	4	3	Bradbury Richardson . .	3	12
Joshua Lane Junr . .	3	3	Jeremiah Towle . . .	4	7
George Place . . .	4	5	Jon^{a} Garland . . .	2	5
Benj^{a} Bachelder . .	3	13	John Moulton 3^{d} . . .	4	1
Jon^{a} Shaw jun^{r} . . .	1	3	Joseph Johnson . . .	3	1

The above Draft was made by Order and in the Presence of the Proprietors—

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cle^{r}

a true Copy of the Record of the Draft of the Lotts in the first division of a tract of land granted to Jon^{a} Moulton &^{c}

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Draft of Lots in Moultonborough—of the Second and third Divisions—

	2^{d} Division		third Division	
	N^{o}	Range	N^{o}	range
William Parker Esqr . .	2	A	2	1
George Jaffrey Esqr . . .	4	3	11	3
Mark Hunking Wentworth Esqr	4	2	15	1
Theodore Atkinson Esqr . .	1	C	3	1
Richard Wibird Esqr . .	3	4	6	2
Moore & Peirce . . .	1	10	16	1
Solly & March . . .	4	C	11	1
Samuel Livermore Esqr . .	1	A	6	1
John Moffatt Esqr . . .	3	B	25	2
Meserve & Comp^{y} . . .	3	3	7	1
Thomas Wallingford Esqr .	B	9	13	1
John Wentworth Esqr . .	5	1	3	5
Mason & Thomlinson . .	6	6	26	2

	2d Division		third Division	
	No	Range	No	range
Thomas Packer Esqr	A	10	9	4
Joshua Peirce Esqr	C	10	22	2
Jotham Odiorne Esqr	2	1	14	2
John Rindge Esqr	Range a point	8 No 1	9	1
Jonathan Moulton Esqr	1	9	5	4
Ephraim Marston	2	6	17	2
Jeremiah Marston	5	5	6	3
Benja Page	2	C	13	3
Benjamin Bachelder	4	6	1	5
John Lamprey	9	12	1	3
Jeremiah Towle	2	8	27	1
Philip Towle	2	4	24	1
Stephen Page	1	B	10	3
Simon Dow Junr	6	1	5	1
Christopher Toppan Esqr	1	10	2	4
Jonathan Leavit	5	D	14	3
Nathan Moulton Junr	3	A	3	4
John Tuck	1	2	1	2
Thomas Rand	1	7	8	2
Thomas Brown	B	10	4	4
John Moulton	4	7	29	1
John Moulton 3d	2	7	5	5
Amos Coffin	C	9	12	1
Anthony Emery Esqr	2	5	12	3
Joshua Lane Junr	1	1	15	3
James Philbrick	8	11	9	3
Edward Shaw Junr	4	4	7	4
Joseph Johnson	4	5	12	2
Joshua James	1	D	5	3
Joshua Towle	5	7	15	2
Joseph Palmer	3	2	21	2
Jonathan Shaw Junr	4	1	29	2
William Simpson	1	12	5	2
Joseph Sandburn	2	2	2	5
Nathaniel Towle	3	6	19	2
Josiah Dearborn	1	4	28	1
Ebenezer Lane	2	12	21	1
Samuel Brown	2	B	28	2
Jonathan Elkins	1	6	8	1
William Lane	5	4	18	1
John Taylor	7	1	4	2
Samuel Towle	2	10	4	1

	2d Division		third Division	
	No	Range	No	range
Bradbury Richardson	5	2 a Point	9	2
Nathl Ambrose	3	7	27	2
Josiah Moulton 3d	1	4 on Point	25	1
Jonathan Moulton 3d	8	1	10	1
Benjamin Sandborn	D	13	24	2
Benning Moulton	9	11	22	1
George Place	E	14	23	1
William Vittum Junr	1	8	23	2
Samuel Robinson	2	9	14	1
Philip Hooker	1	12	6	4
Elisha Towle	2	10	7	3
Worthington Moulton	2	11	7	2
John Garland	4	D Ennis	8	4
Joseph Garland	2	D	19	1
William Vittum	1	3	4	5
Richard Nason Esqr	E	13	26	1
Benjamin Mason	1	5	20	2
Shubael Dearborn	8	12	11	2
Thomas White	6	7	2	3
John Neal	4	10	13	2
Richard Cutts Shannon	5	6	16	2
Ebenezer Blake	D	14	17	1
Simon Nudd	1	11	20	1
Jonathan Garland	1	13	3	3
School	2	3	10	2
Ministers	3	C	18	2
Parsonage	3	5	8	3

Province of New Hampsr } Portsmouth February 28th 1766
The Draft of the Lots in the Second & third Divisions of the Tract of Land granted to Jonathan Moulton Esqr & others by the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr in the Province of New Hampshire drawn by Direction of said Proprietors.

attest Geo: Jaffrey Proprs Clerk

a true Copy of the Record of the Lotts in the Second & Third Divisions of the Tract of Land granted to Jona Moulton &c

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Proprs Cl

[*Plan of Moultonborough.*]

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[*Petition of Proprietors of Moultonborough*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 177.]

Province of New Hamp^{r} } To the Proprietors of Mason's Patent so call'd in said Province, in their proprietry Meeting conven'd February the 21st Day Anno : Dom : 1770—

Humbly shews the Proprietors, of Moultonborough, in said Province; that the Proprietors, of Sandwich in the same Province, have included, within their Lines ; a large Quantity of Land, granted by your Propretry, to s^{d} Moultonborough To recover which, your Petitioners commenced, several Actions against the Settlers under said Sandwick, which Actions, for a Long Time, have been & still are pending in the Law ; and whereas your Proprietry recommended, to your Petitioners, & the Proprietors of said Sandwich, to accomodate said Dispute by settling their Lines by Agreement; giving Encouragement to them that you wou'd confirm their Agreement & compensate the Proprietors of said Moultonborough, with other Lands in Lieu of those they should release to said Sandwich, Whereupon, the Proprietors of s^{d} Moultonbor^{h} by their Agreement, in writing, dated the 13th of January A D 1769, Releas'd to the Proprietors of said Sandwich, all the Lands within the Lines in said Agreement mentiond, provided, your Proprietry woud consent to the same, whereupon, at your Meeting held the 19th Day of the same January, it was Voted that an Additional Grant be made to said Moultonborough according to the form of the Vote then read, but said Vote was then suspended, being Recorded 'till the Proprietors of said Sandwich shou'd petition, your Proprietry for a Grant of all your Right of Land, within the Bounds of said Sandwich which, they soon after did: But notwithstanding your Petitioners are inform'd, said Vote is not yet recorded, or said Grant confirmed to them, Wherefore, your Petitioners humbly pray, that, said Vote may be recorded, and The Land therein contain'd confirm'd, to them, or that they may be compensated in other Lands, as shall be thought most adviseable—And your Petitioners shall ever pray.—

Jon^{a} Moulton
John Moulton
Jonathan Leavitt
Thos Rand
Jeremiah Towle
Amos Coffin

} Committee for the Prop^{rs} of Moultonborough

[*Draft of Letter to Moultonborough Proprietors*, 1770.]

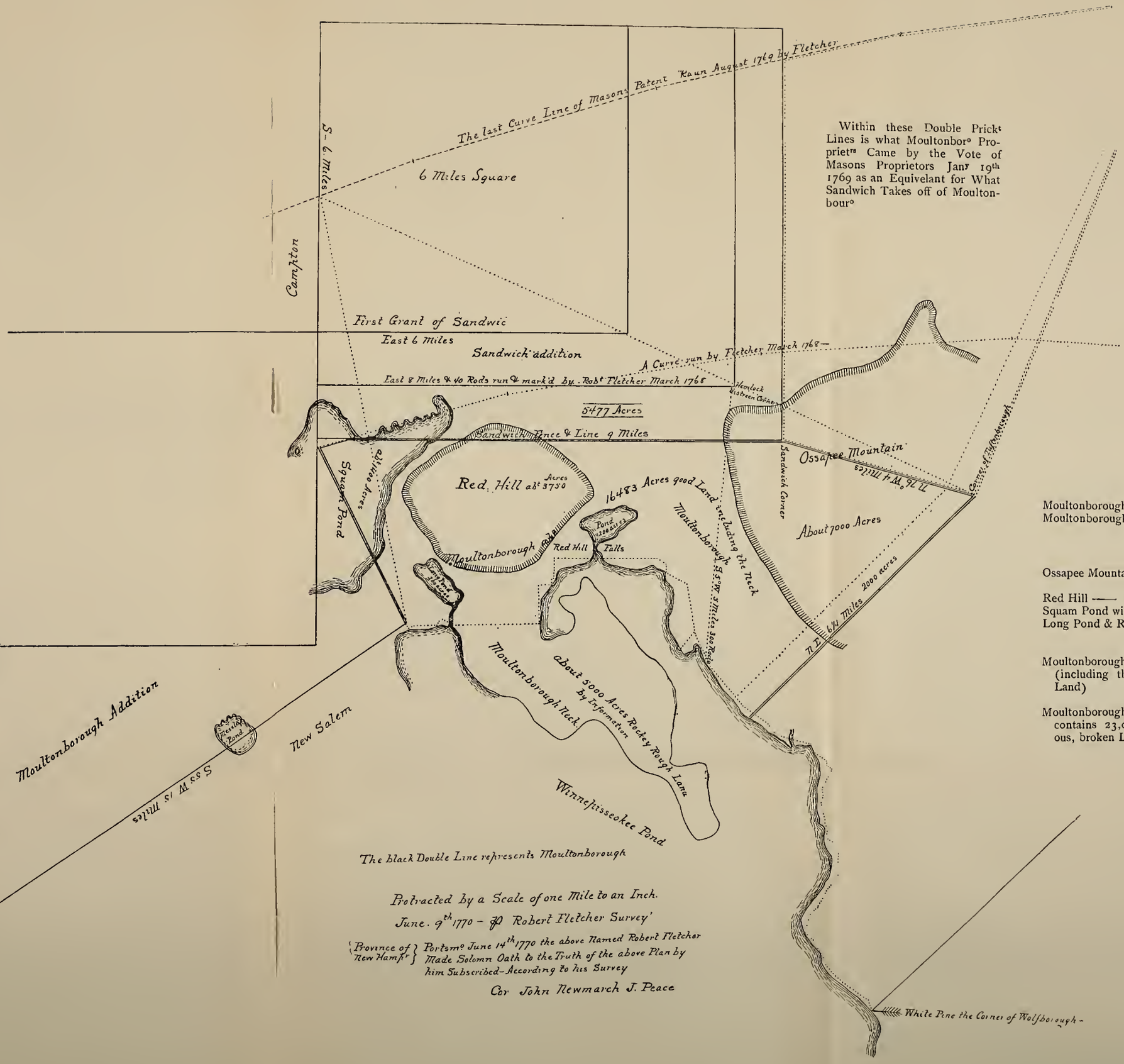
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 178.]

Gent^{m}

The Proprietors of Masons Right in New Hampshire this day at their meeting desired me in their behalf to advise you that this meeting would be adjourned to Wednesday ye Eleventh day of July next ten of ye Clock before noon when they expect you or others will appear for ye Grantees of Moultonborough so called and render a full account of all ye Settlements and improvements made within said grant and by whom and at what time made—and if you do not appear for that purpose and Shew Sufficient reason why ye Terms of ye grant are not fulfild they propose without any delay to vote y^{e} grant forfeit &c—in behalf of s^{d} Prop^{rs}—I am y^{r} Humble

June 21th 1770

To Jonathan Moulton John Moulton Jon^{a} Leavit Thomas Rand Jer^{e} Towle amos Coffin &c Grantees of Moultonborough so called



	Acres R.
Moultonborough Neck qtr abt	5000 —
Moultonborough qtr	24033
	29033

		Acres
Ossapee Mountain within Moultonborough qtr ——	abt	7000
Red Hill ——	abt	3750
Squam Pond within Moultonborough	abt	1400
Long Pond & Red Hill Pond ——	abt	400
		12550
Moultonborough good Land (including the Neck Rocky Rough Land)	about	16483
		29033
Moultonborough Gore or Addition contains 23,000 Acres, chiefly Mountainous, broken Land & 7 or 8 Ponds		23000
		52033

[*Proprietors and Settlers of Moultonborough*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 179.]

A List of the Proprietors of a Tract of Land calld Moultonborough, together with an Account of the Settlements made for their respective Rights either by them or those who own them with the Names of the settlers affix'd against each settled Prop^{rs} Right, Viz^{t}—

Original Prop^{rs} Names	Persons Names who claim the Rights by Purchase	Settlers Names
		William Vittum, Sanbon Chandler, Ezek^{l} Moulton, John Ennis, Jno Saunderson, Saml Richardson } settled by the Proprietors—
Jon^{a} Moulton Esq .		has made large Improvements
Ephraim Marston .	Jon^{a} Moulton Esqr	2 settlers put on by Sandw^{h} Prop^{rs}
Jerem^{h} Marston . .	d^{o}	Israel Glines
Benj^{a} Page . . .	d^{o}	Stephen Webster
Benj^{a} Batchelder . .	d^{o}	2 settlers put on by Sandw^{ch} Prop^{sr}
Jno Lampory . .	d^{o}	Richard Alley
Jerem^{h} Towle . .		
Philip Towle . .		
Stephen Page . .		
Simon Dow J^{r} . .	Jon^{a} Moulton Esqr	Jos Richardson
Christ^{r} Toppan Esqr .	Moses Little	
Jon^{a} Leavitt . .		David Philbrick
Nathan Moulton Jr .	Jon^{a} Moulton E^{r}	David Thompson
John Tuck . . .	d^{o}	John Adams
Thomas Rand . .		1 settler by Sandw^{ch} Prop^{rs}
Thomas Brown . .	Jon^{a} Moulton Esqr	
Jno Moulton J^{r} . .	d^{o}	Samuel Low
Jno Moulton 3rd . .		preparing for Settlem^{t}
Anth^{y} Emery Esqr .	Jon^{a} Moulton Esqr	Benj^{a} Kimball
Joshua Lane J^{r} . .	d^{o}	Alex^{r} Megoon
Amos Coffen . .		Peter Garland
James Philbrick . .	Jon^{a} Moulton Esqr	Isaac Cumings
Edwd Shaw J^{r} . .	d^{o}	Stephen Sanborn
Joseph Johnson . .		Enoch Blake
Joshua James . .	Jon^{a} Moulton Esqr	Amos Sanborn
Joshua Towle . .	Walter Bryent Esqr	
Joseph Palmer . .		
Jon^{a} Shaw Junr . .		

Original Propᵗˢ Names	Persons Names who claim the Rights by Purchase	Settlers Names
Willᵐ Simpson . .	Jonᵃ Moulton Esqʳ	Benjᵃ Hilyard
Joseph Sanborn . .		1 settler by Sandwᶜʰ Propᵗˢ
Nat. Towle , . .	Jonᵃ Moulton Esqʳ	Danˡ Gilman
Josiah Dearborn . .	dº	Willᵐ Atkins
Ebenezer Lane . .	dº	Ezekˡ Clemens
Samuel Brown . .	dº	Stephen Mason
Jonᵃ Elkins . . .		Nat Burdeen
Wᵐ Lane . . .	Jonᵃ Moulton Esqʳ	James Mason
Jnº Taylor . . .	Moses Little	
Samˡ Towle . .		
Bradʸ Richardson .		settled himself
Nathˡ Ambrose . .		settled himself
Jos. Moulton 3ʳᵈ .		Ebʳ Chamberlain
Jonᵃ Moulton 3ʳᵈ .		John Boynton
Benjᵃ Sanborn . .	Jonᵃ Moulton Esqʳ	
Bennᵍ Moulton . .		Elisha Cumings
Geo. Place . . .		
Willᵐ Vittum Jʳ . .		
Samˡ Robinson . .	Jonᵃ Moulton Esqʳ	Jonathan Choat
Philip Hooker . .	dº	Willᵐ Boynton
Elisha Towle . .	dº	David Bean
Worthᵍ Moulton . .	Geo Meservy	
John Garland . .		
Joseph Garland . .		
Will Vittum . .	Jonᵃ Moulton Esq	Stephen Bennet
Richᵈ Nason Esqʳ .	dº	
Benjᵃ Mason . .	Danı Farnham Esqʳ	
Shubel Derborn . .	Jonᵃ Moulton Esqʳ	1 settler by Sandwich Propᵗˢ
Thomas White . .	dº	Elisha Cumings Jʳ
John Neal . . .	Jonᵃ Moulton Esqʳ	3 settlers by Sandwʰ Propᵗˢ
Rᵈ Cutt Shannon .	dº	
Ebenezer Blake . .		settled himself
Simon Nudd . .	Ropkins	
Jonᵃ Garland . .		Moody Bean

[*Unsettled Shares in Moultonborough*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 180.]

A List of Rights of Land in Moultonborough not settled except those Sandwich Proprietors have put settlers upon Vizᵗ

John Moulton Esqʳ preparing for Settlement—

Worthington Moulton claim'd by Geo. Meservy—
Benjamin Mason claim'd by Dan[l] Farnham Esq[r]
Simon Nudd, claim'd by Ropkins—
Stephen Page
Joseph Palmer
Tho[s] Rand One settler put on by Sandwich Proprietors,
Jonathan Shaw—
Joseph Sanborn One settler put on by Sandwich Prop[rs]—
Jeremiah Towle—
Philip Towle—
Christo[r] Toppan Esq- claim'd by Moses Little—
Jn[o] Garland—
John Taylor claim'd by Moses Little
Ephraim Marston claim'd by Jon[a] Moulton Esq[r] Two settlers put on by Sandwich Proprietors—
Richard Nason Esq[r] claim'd by Jon[a] Moulton Esq[r] Two settlers put on by Sandwich Prop[rs]—
Samuel Towle—
Joshua Towle claim'd by Walter Bryent Esq[r]
y[e] whole 18,—

[*Settlers in Moultonborough*, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 181.]

A List of Settlers on a Tract of Land call'd Moultonborough July 7th 1770.——
Jon[a] Moulton large Improvements.—

W[m] Vittum	Sanborn Chandler	Ezekiel Moulton
John Ennis	John Sanderson	Samuel Richardson
Israel Glines	David Bean	Stephen Webster
Richard Alley	Joseph Richardson	David Thompson
John Adams	Stephen Bennet	Samuel Low
Benj[a] Kimbal	Elexander Megoon	Jonathan Choat
Stephen Sanborn	Amos Sanborn	John Garland
Benj[a] Hilyard	Daniel Gilman	William Atkins
Ezek[l] Clemens	Stephen Mason	James Mason
Joseph Senter	Ebenez[r] Chamberlin	Elisha Cumings
John Boynton	Bradbury Richardson	Nath[l] Ambrose
Ebenezer Blake	Enoch Blake	Peter Garland
Moody Bean	W[m] Vittum Jun[r]	Nath[l] Burdeen

Will[m] Boynton in the Place improving, not yet in Family Estate, but will be very soon.—

Isaac Cumings in the Place improving, not yet in Family Estate but will be very soon

Elisha Cumings Junr in the Place improving not yet in Family Estate but will be very Soon

David Philbrick improving & will move thereon in a few Days.——

44. The whole

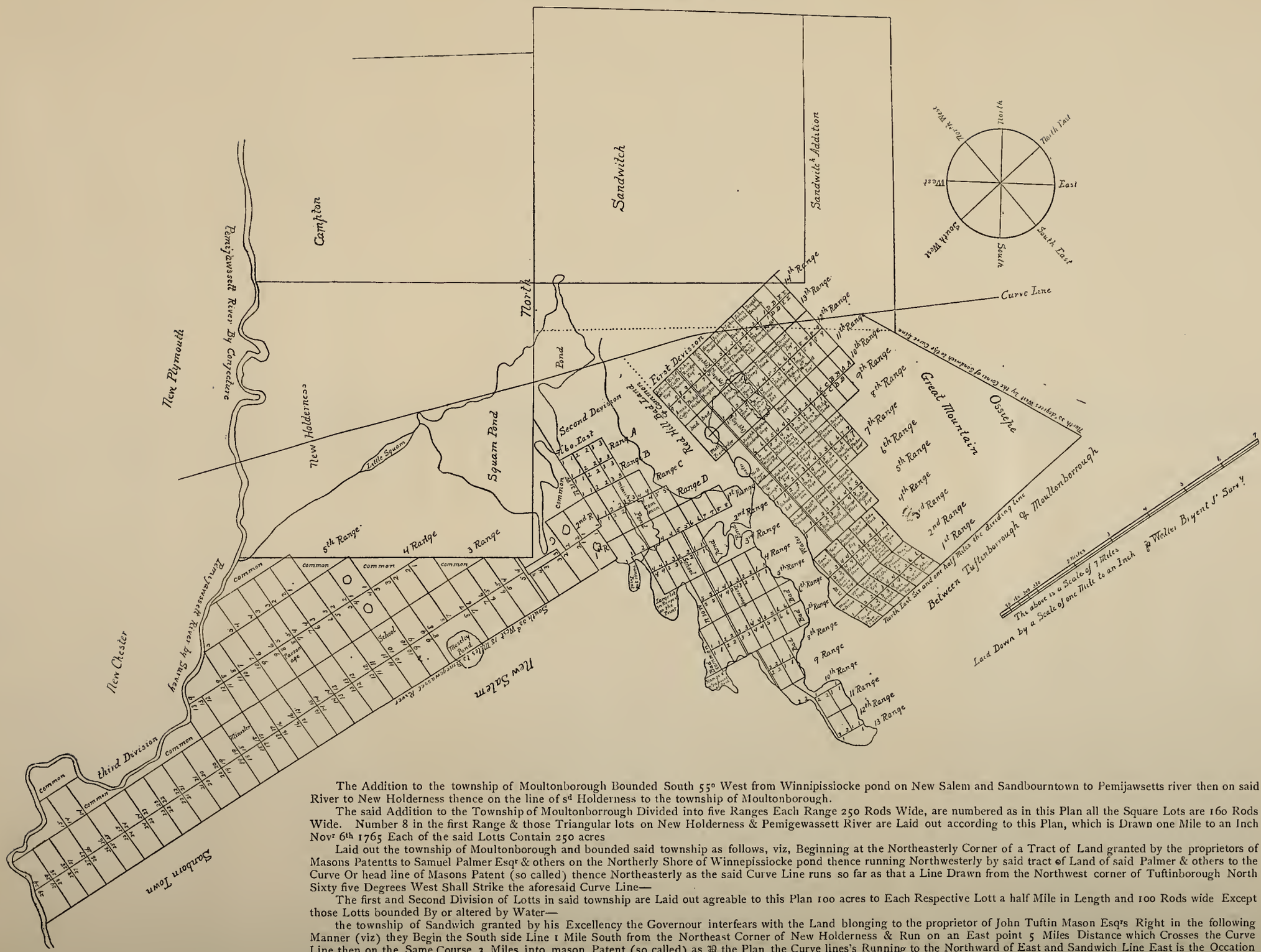
N B. several other settlers put on said Moultonborough by Sandwich Proprietors—& sevȩrl Person began their Improvements in Moulton Borough & will soon move thereon.——

[*Deposition of Jeremiah Towle*, 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 182.]

I Jeremiah Towle of Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire, testify that on or about the thirteenth Day of January 1769, I attended a Meeting of the Proprietors of Lands holding under John Tufton Mason Esqr at the House of James Stoodley Esqr Inholder in Portsmouth in said Province, a Committee representing the Township of Moultonborough and a Committee representing the Township of Sandwiche, were present, respecting some Disputes about the Dividing Line of said Townships, Coll^{l} Atkinson one of said Proprietors and Moderator of said Meeting, desired said Committees to go by themselves, and see if they could agree on said Dividing Line, & told them said Meeting should be adjourned to receive their Report, The said Committees a few Days after at the Meeting again of said Proprietors reported to them that they had agreed for said Sandwich to hold as far as the Line they claimed to on Condition of Mason's Proprietors consenting to the same & giving Moultonborough other Lands in Lieu of what they gave up to Sandwich, which the said Proprietors consented to, and got one Mr Royse to calculate from a Plan they gave him how much said Sandwich as they claimed would take from said Moultonborough according to the Upper Curve Line run by Robert Fletcher last, said Royce after he had calculated told them that said Sandwich as they claimed would take from Moultonborough about thirty three thousand Acres, they then imployed said Royce to calculate by some Plans they gave him to see how far a Line must extend, from the East Line of Sandwiche Claim on said Curve Line as that a straight Line drawn to the Northwest Corner of the Township of Tuftonborough and from thence to the Southeast Corner of the Township of Sandwich would contain about thirty three thousand Acres, which the said Royse did and upon his Calculation thereof & rendering a Plan of the same the said Proprietors on the eighteenth Day of

[*Plan of Moultonborough and Addition.*]



The Addition to the township of Moultonborough Bounded South 55° West from Winnipissiocke pond on New Salem and Sandbourntown to Pemijawsetts river then on said River to New Holderness thence on the line of sd Holderness to the township of Moultonborough.

The said Addition to the Township of Moultonborrough Divided into five Ranges Each Range 250 Rods Wide, are numbered as in this Plan all the Square Lots are 160 Rods Wide. Number 8 in the first Range & those Triangular lots on New Holderness & Pemigewassett River are Laid out according to this Plan, which is Drawn one Mile to an Inch Novr 6th 1765 Each of the said Lotts Contain 250 acres

Laid out the township of Moultonborough and bounded said township as follows, viz, Beginning at the Northeasterly Corner of a Tract of Land granted by the proprietors of Masons Patentts to Samuel Palmer Esqr & others on the Northerly Shore of Winnepissiocke pond thence running Northwesterly by said tract of Land of said Palmer & others to the Curve Or head line of Masons Patent (so called) thence Northeasterly as the said Curve Line runs so far as that a Line Drawn from the Northwest corner of Tuftinborough North Sixty five Degrees West Shall Strike the aforesaid Curve Line—

The first and Second Division of Lotts in said township are Laid out agreable to this Plan 100 acres to Each Respective Lott a half Mile in Length and 100 Rods wide Except those Lotts bounded By or altered by Water—

the township of Sandwich granted by his Excellency the Governour interfears with the Land blonging to the proprietor of John Tuftin Mason Esqrs Right in the following Manner (viz) they Begin the South side Line 1 Mile South from the Northeast Corner of New Holderness & Run on an East point 5 Miles Distance which Crosses the Curve Line then on the Same Course 3 Miles into mason Patent (so called) as ℔ the Plan the Curve lines's Running to the Northward of East and Sandwich Line East is the Occation of there interfearing

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the aforesaid January while I was present unanimously voted a Grant of Land to the said Moulton his Heirs and Assigns to run seven Miles & three Quarters of a Mile from the East Line of said Sandwich Claim on the said Curve Line and from the End of said seven Miles & three Quarters of a Mile to run as before described & William Parker Esqr then present enter'd said Vote in Writing by said Proprietors Desire

Jeremiah Towle

Prov^{e} of New Hampshire } Portsm^{o} January 11th 1771——
Then Jeremiah Towle above named appeared and after due Caution made solemn Oath to the Truth of the foregoing Deposition by him signed, Taken at the Request of Jonathan Moulton Esqr.—In Perpetuam Rei Memoriam——

Before Peter Gilman } Justices of the Peace Quorum
Meshech Weare } Unus

Received & Recorded 16th Jany 1771— D. Peirce Red^{r}

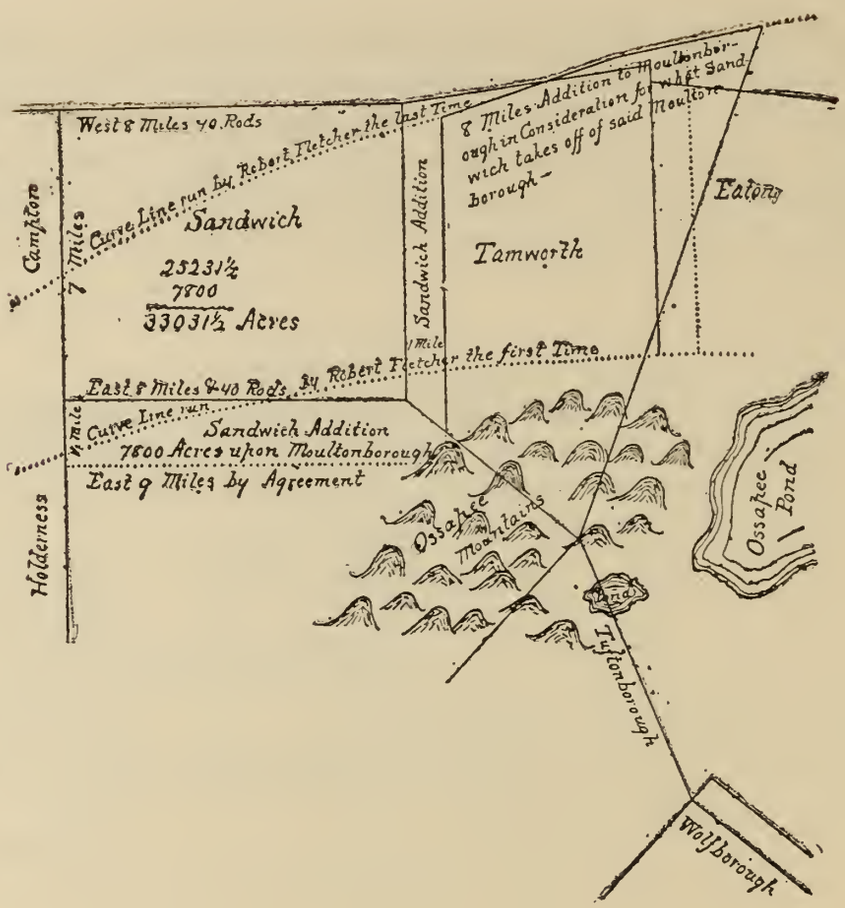
Prov^{e} of New Hampshire } A true Copy from Book 101—Page 73 Examin'd 29th April 1771

D Peirce Red^{r}

[*Plan of Addition to Moultonborough*, 1771.]

The Land contain'd within the Red Lines is what was voted to Coll^{l} Moulton by Mason's Proprietors the 19th Jany 1769 in Consideration for what Sandwich takes from Moultonborough being 33031½ Acres as calculated at the Desire of said Proprietors

Vere Royse



I the Subscriber hereby certify that the above Plan is just & true agreeable to a Plan given me to calculate and draw from and that it was drawn by me Jany 19th 1769, at the Request of the Honble Theodore Atkinson Esqr & others Proprietors of Mason's Patent so called, The Land included within the red Lines contains thirty three thousand thirty one and a half Acres as calculated by me, at said Proprietors desire & is the same s^{d} Proprietors when I was present with them voted to Jonathan Moulton Esqr his Heirs &c at their Meeting held at the House of James Stoodley Esqr Innholder in Portsmouth on the Day above mentioned in Liew of that Land the Township of Sandwich claimed from the Township of Moultonborough, which said Tract of Land I laid down on the above Plan agreeable to their particular Directions to me, which were as follows, Viz^{t} to begin at the Upper Curve Line run by Robert Fletcher last, where it intersected the Easterly Line of Sandwich Claim, and to run Easterly on said Line eight Miles then to turn & run down to the North Corner Bound of the Township of Tuftonborough then to run on a direct Course toward the Southeast Corner Bound of Sandwich until it meets with the Easterly Line of Sandwich Claim and from thence to

the Place first began at, so as to contain about thirty three thousand and thirty one and half Acres—

Vere Royse—

Prov^e of New Hampshire } Portsm^o Jany 11th 1771 Then Vere Royse within named appeared and after due Caution made solemn Oath to the Truth of the within Deposition, by him signed, Taken at the Request of Jonathan Moulton Esqr, In Perpetuam Rei Memoriam

Before Peter Gilman, Meshech Weare } Justices of the Peace Quorum Unus

Received and Recorded 16th January 1771

D. Peirce Recd^r

Province of New Hampshire } A true Copy from Book 101 Page 79 Examin'd 30th April 1771—

D Peirce Red^r

[*Deposition of Thomas Rand*, 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 183.]

I Thomas Rand of Hampton in the Prov^e of New Hampshire testify that on or about the 13th Day of January 1769, I attended a Meeting of the Proprietors of Lands holding under John Tufton Mason Esqr which was held at the House of James Stoodly Esqr in Portsmouth, at which Meeting were present two Committees, one representing the Proprietors of the Township of Sandwich, the other representing the Township of Moultonborough, which appeared at said Meeting on Account of a Dispute between the Proprietors of said Townships with Respect to their Dividing Line, It was there moved by s^d Mason's Proprietors for the said Committees to endeavour to agree among themselves on some Method that would accommodate the Dispute, & the Honble Theodore Atkinson Esqr the Moderator of said Meeting proposed for said Committees to retire by themselves for that Purpose, and told them they would adjourn their Meeting to a further Time in Order to receive their Report, accordingly said Masons Proprietors adjourned their Meeting, I the Deponent further say that I was present at their Meeting by said Adjournment which was a few Days after their aforesaid Meeting, and the aforesaid Committees appeared, and reported to said Mason's Proprietors that they had agreed for Sandwich to hold to the Line they claimed to, provided said Mason's Proprietors would consent to it, and would grant to the Proprietors of said Moultonborough other

Lands equivolent in Lieu of that said Sandwich would take from said Moultonborough which said Mason's Proprietors consented to & proposed to let Coll[l] Moulton have Land equivolent out of Land they claimed which joined to the Easterly Side of said Sandwich, and said Mason's Proprietors employed M[r] Vere Royse to calculate how much Land said Sandwich as they claimed would take from said Moultonborough according to the Plan of the Upper Curve Line that M[r] Robert Fletcher had last run and returned, & a Plan that was drawn and returned by Walter Bryent Esq[r] of the aforesaid Townships and other townships and Lands thereto adjoining and the said Royse took said Plans and received Instructions from said Mason's Proprietors & accordingly calculated it, & reported to said Proprietors that by calculating agreeable to their Directions said Sandwich Claim would take from said Moultonborough the Quantity of about thirty three thousand Acres, they then desired M[r] Royse to draw a Plan, which he did and it was accepted by said Mason's Proprietors—

Tho[s] Rand—

Prov[e] of New Hampshire } Portsmouth January 11th 1771— Then Thomas Rand within named appeared and after due Caution made solemn Oath to the Truth of the within Deposition by him signed—Taken at the Request of Jonathan Moulton Esq[r]

In Perpetuam Rei Memoriam—

Before Peter Gilman, Meshech Weare } Justices of y[e] Peace Quorum Unus

Received & Recorded 16th Jan[y] 1771—

D. Peirce Recd[r]

Province of New Hampshire, A true Copy from Book N° 101 Page 75.—

Examin'd 29th April 1771.— D Peirce Red[r]

[*Deposition of Jeremiah Bryent*, 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 184.]

I Jeremiah Bryent of Newmarket testify that on or about the first Day of Nov[r] A. D. 1770 was imployed by Jonathan Moulton Esq[r] to run out a Tract of Land claimed by Purchasers of Mason's Patent so called which Tract of Land I understood was voted to said Moulton by said Mason's Proprietors, and saw the Copy thereof attested by George Jaffrey Esq[r], Said Proprietors Clerk, which Vote I was to be

governed by in running out said Tract of Land, accordingly I with sundry Hands procured by s[d] Moulton to carry the Chain and spot &c, Proceeded to run out said Tract of Land, and were governed by a Plan drawn by Vere Royce, which Plan represents the abovesaid Tract of Land that was voted to said Moulton—

We began at the East Line of Sandish Claim at the lower Curve Line where said Lines intersect, thence run Westerly six Miles, thence North about eighteen Degrees East, which Course I intended should hit the upper Curve Line so called eight Miles from Sandish Line, as was in said Vote to said Moulton mentioned argreeable to said Royces Plan, returned back on said Line and run Southwesterly for the Corner of Tuftonborough but did not find said Corner by the Plan of said Royce, And my Knowledge of the Land &c were not far from Corner of Tuftonborough s[d] Lines were well spotted—

Jeremiah Bryent—

Prov[e] of New Hamp[r] Portsmouth January 11th 1771

Then Jeremiah Bryent above named appeared and after due Caution made solemn Oath to the Truth of the above Deposition by him signed, Taken at the Request of Jonathan Moulton Esq[r]—

In Perpetuam Rei Memoriam

Before Peter Gilman, Meshech Weare } Justices of the Peace Quorum Unus

Received and Recorded 16th Jan[y] 1771— D. Peirce Recd[r]

Prov[e] of New Hamp[r] A true Copy from Book 101 Page 72—
Examin'd this 29th April 1771— D Peirce Red[r]

[*Deposition of Vere Royse*, 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 185.]

I Vere Royse of Portsmouth testify that on or about the eighteenth Day of January one thousand seven hundred & sixty nine I attended a Meeting of the Proprietors holding under John Tufton Mason Esq[r] at the House of James Stoodley Esq[r] in Portsmouth aforesaid at the Desire of Hon[ble] Theodore Atkinson Esq[r] Moderator & others of said Proprietors I examined that Curve Line and said Proprietors Claim, that one Robert Fletcher had last run, & some Townships adjoining or nearly lying thereto (being within their said Claim) from a Plan that one Walter Bryent Esq[r] had drawn, & then to calculate what number of Acres there were below said Curve, which the Township of Sandwich would take of from the Township of Moultonborough

according to what said Sandwich then claimed & found the Contents to be thirty three thousand & thirty one and an half Acres, having governed my Calculations to Lines pointed out to me by Coll° Atkinson and approved of by said Proprietors then present then by the Desire of the said Proprietors I calculated the extent on said Upper Curve, from the East Side of Sandwich Claim, being about seven Miles and three Quarters of a Mile upon said Curve and then a Direct Line runs from thence to the North westerly Corner Bounds of Tuftonborough (which Corner said Bryent's Plan represents) and from thence on a direct Course toward the Southeast Corner of Sandwich until it meets with the Easterly Line of Sandwich Claim, & from thence by the Easterly Line of Sandwich Claim until it meets said upper Curve shall enclose thirty three thousand & thirty one and an half Acres, which by s^d^ Proprietors was voted to said Moulton and afterwards on the nineteenth being present at their Meeting the said Proprietors voted to the said Moulton & his Heirs &c. eight miles upon said Upper Curve instead of the said seven & three Quarter Miles & agreeable thereto I drew a Plan

Vere Royse—

Province of New Hampshire Portsm° Jany 11th 1771

Then Vere Royse above named appeared & after due Caution made Solemn Oath to the Truth of the above Deposition by him signed, Taken at the Request of Jonathan Moulton Esqr In Perpetnam Rei Memoriam

Before Peter Gilman } Justices of ye Peace
Meshech Weare } Quorun Unus

Received & Recorded 16th Jany 1771— D. Peirce Recd^r^

Prov^e^ of New Hamp^r^ A true Copy from Book 101 Page 78. Examin'd 29th April 1771— D Peirce Red^r^

[*Deposition of Walter Bryent*, 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 186.]

The Deposition of Walter Bryent of full Age testifies & says that on or about the nineteenth of January A. D. 1769, The Deponent was at a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr in New Hampshire, and heard said Proprietors & Coll^l^ Jonathan Moulton Esqr converse about granting him Land in Lieu of what Lands the Town of Sandwich took off from Moultonborough and Mr Vere Royse being present with Plans calculated the Quantity that Sandwich took off as afores^d^ and declared it to be about

thirty three thousand Acres, which Quantity they ingaged to said Coll[l] Moulton, & voted it should lay joining on the East Side of Sandwich and to extend Easterly eight Miles on the Upper Curve Line, then on a straight to the North Corner of Tuftonborough (so called) which Tuftonborough was laid out before the abovesaid Meeting, adjoining on the Northwest Side of Wolfborough, and from the afores[d] North Corner of Tuftonborough to said Sandwich then by said Sandwich, to s[d] Curve Line, which Bounds are agreeable to a Plan which said Royse laid before said Proprietors at said Meeting—

Walter Bryent

Prov[e] of New Hamp[r] Portsm[o] Jan[y] 11th 1771, Then Walter Bryent above named appear'd & after due Caution made solemn Oath to the Truth of the above Deposition by him signed, Taken at the Request of Jonathan Moulton Esq[r]

In Perpetuam Rei Memoriam—

Before Peter Gilman } Justices of the Peace
Meshech Weare } Quorum Unus

Received & Recorded 16th January 1771— D Peirce Recd[r]

Prov[e] of New Hampshire } A true Copy from Book 101 Page 77 Examin'd 29th April 1771—

D Peirce Recd[r]

[*Improvements in Moultonborough*, 1771.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 187.]

A List of Setlers, Houses, Barns, improv'd Lands &c in the Township of Moultonborough with it's Additions taken by Henry Rust & John Flagg the 25th 26th 27th & 28th of September 1771.

The proprietor or Possessor of each lot's Name	The Number in each Family	Number of Houses	Number of Barns or Hovells	Number of Cattle	Number of Sheep	Acrers of Land in Grass	Acres of Land in Tillage	Acres of Fell Trees
Stephen Webster	3	1		1		2	2	1½
David Bean	4	1	1	2		8	3	2
Bradbury Richardson	6	2	2	9	18	20	1½	10
Joseph Richardson	3	House frame		5		8	3	2½
Ebenezer Blake	5	1	1	4		17	3	
Nathel Ambrous	6	1	1	4		20	5	3
Wm Vitham	10		a Dutch Barn	6		20	3	6
John White	2	1 & store	1 & Pottash House			20	5	
Stephen & Amos Sanburn Two families	8 in both Families	2 & Saw mill	1	6	11	7	2	
Wm & John Adams	11 in both Families	3 & 3 stores	1 & Smith's shop.	25	10	70	30	Wharfe & warehouse belong here
Israel Glynes	9	1	1	6		7	4	
David Thompson	8	1	1	2		5	9	25
Enoch Blake		Frame						6 Thus far is eastward
John Garland	3	1 & Grist mill				7	1	of the warfe and all below is westward
John Row	2	1					1	3) These three
Sanburn Chandler	6	1	1	5		1	4	2 } are on
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Colo Moulton							1½	13½ Places } the Neck

Peter Garland	3	1		2			1	3
Stephen Bennet	7	3	1 and a Bark-house	10	7	25	4	30
Alexander Magoon	8	1		3			2	3
Wm Atkins	4	1		1			2½	1
Joseph Banfield	1	1	1			30	5	30
Richard Clements	4	1	1	1		7	2	
Daniel Gillman	7			2		4	2	5
Benj^a Kimball	5	1	1	1			4	
Col^o Moulton's Richardson Lott		1				7		4
Col^o Moulton's Freese Lott						5	5	
Benj^a Hilliard	6	1					3	2
Stephen Mason	7	1	1	3		6	2	1
James Mason	5	1	1	5			3	1½
Ezekiel Moulton	7	1	1	4			4	3
John Ennis	8	1	1	6		8	5	
Col^o Moulton			Barn frame				1	10
Moody Bean				3				6 mostly Cleared up
John Bean								4
John Sanderson	6			2		1	2	4
Lieu^t Senter in ye old Town				11		8	2	Thus far is in 2 ye old Town
Lieut Senter in ye addition	9	1	2			14	9	8
Isaac Cummings	1							6
Elisha Cummings	5	1		5			2	8
John Boynton	7	1		2	4	5	2	
David Senter	1	1	1	2		7	11	7
Col^o Moulton								24
Ebenezer Chamberlin	9	1	1	7		5	5	12
Andrew Cummings	1	1						6 of which 2 are Clear'd
	197	37 Houses 4 Stores 2 Mills	25 Barns 1 pottash 1 Barkhouse	145	50	344	146½	255

N B We have Seen and View'd every Settlemen througout Moultonborough & it's Additions excepting Elisha Cummings John Boynton David Senter Ebenezer Chamberlin & Andrew Cummings's a discription of which places we rec[d] from Lieutenant Senter—The main Country Road in General we find to be good and a Tollerable good Road to Every Setler's House

John Flagg
Henry Rust

Rockingham ss October 3rd 1771 then the above named John Flagg & Henry Rust Personally Appearing made Solemn Oath that the above List is just & true according to the best of their Judgment
before me William Parker Just Pacis

[*Nathan Lee to Proprietors*, 1777.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 188.]

To Daniel Rogers Esq[r] and the Rest of the Proprietors
this is to Let your honer know that my Brother Neamah Lee hath Resined up the Lot No 4 which I ingaged By your word for him to John Rogers talor

Moultonburrough — Nathan Lee
October y[e] 13:1777

[*Petition of Inhabitants*, 1778.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 189.]

To the Hon[ble] Proprietors of Land holden under John Tufton Mason Esq[r].—

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of Moultonborough, Sandwich & other places adjoining Humbly shews that your Petitioners, being destitute of any Means of Transportation from this Quarter except over Winnepisseoke Pond, which at many Seasons of the Year is very difficult & dangerous—That a proper Waggon Road is much wanted from Moultonborough, round the Southerly Side Osspe Mountain in Tuftonborough & through part of your Land to meet Conway Road. such a Road your Petitioners humbly conceive, woud be of great Utility to the Publick, & woud effectually accommodate the Settlers on your Hon[rs] Land, as well as those that may at any Time settle on said Tuftonborough Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that you woud lay out & make a proper Waggon Road, to begin at Tuftonbor[o] Line, nigh where the New

Mills have lately been built & continue the said Road in the most suitable Land untill it comes to Conway Road—& your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

February 3rd 1778

Bradbury Richardson	Nathaniel Ambros	Nath[l] Shannon
Ephraim Hacket	Stephen Webster	Obdiah dudy
Charles Hacet	Will[m] Esman	thomas Danford
Aaron Beede	John Hubbard	Bill Leech
Daniel Lee	Adam Brown	John walles
Jas flser	Nathan wales	benjaman blanser
geord Page	richard Clammons	Nathan Hoit
Josiah Poland	David Been	Benj[n] Been
Elias Smith	Jonas Carter	Jona Penniman
Isarel glines	John rise	Joseph garland
Mical Rise	Joseph Richardson	William Leavitt
James Jackson	Amos Whipple	William Whipple
John Goldmith	William Atkins	Bjaman Brown
Obadiah Brown	Stephen Adams	Nehemiah Lee
Jonathan Moulton	Peter Garland	Ephraim Chamberlain
sander magoon	Jonathan Magoon	Ruben Roe
John Sanderson	Daniel Brown	Enoch sanderson
Ebenezer Lee	Phineas Graves	Eben[r] Blake
John Page	Victorious Smith	Jacob Brown
Joseph Chndler	John Dudley	James Brown
Moses Senter	Ebenezer Mella	Cornelius Cook
Benj[a] Kimball	Elias lad	Benja Scribbner
Benja Adkines	John Priskit	David hinton

[*Petition of Inhabitants*, 1781.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 190.]

To the Hon[ble] William Whipple and Woodbury Langdon Esq[rs]—

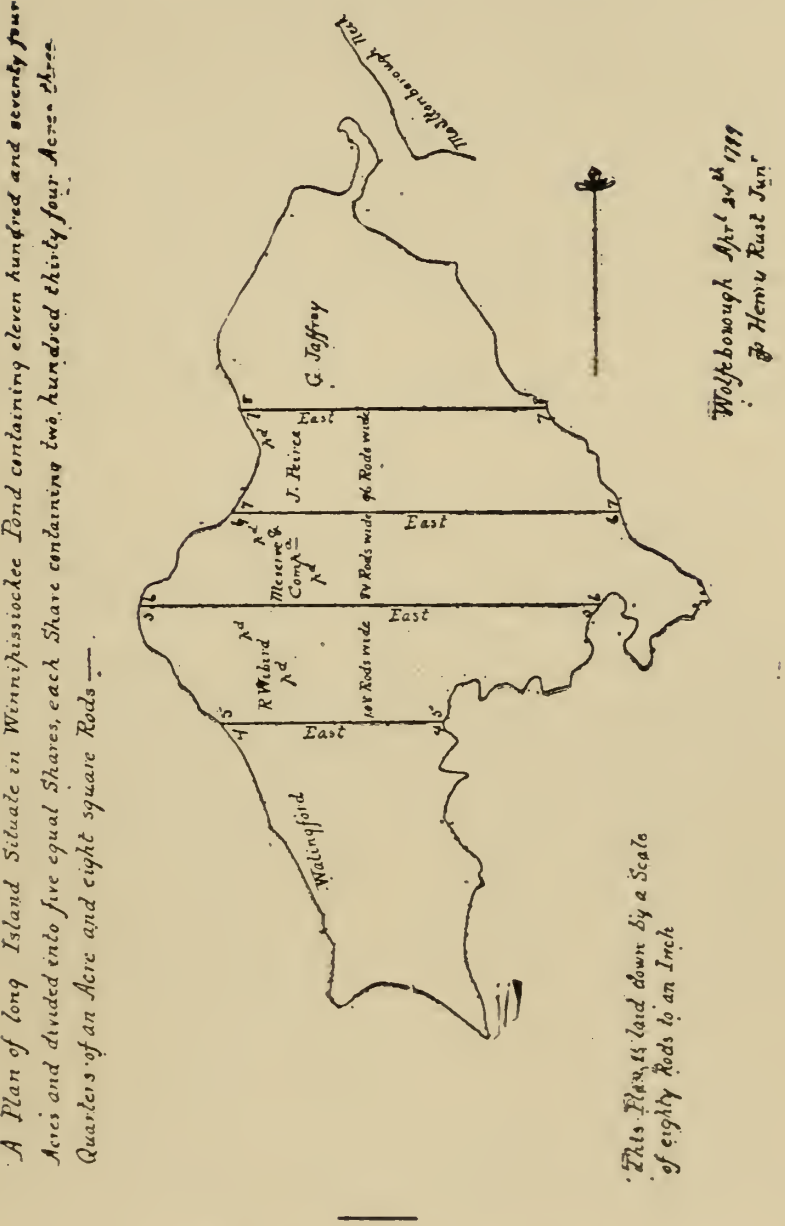
The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of Moultonborough & Places adjacent Humbly shew that a good Waggon Road is much wanted from said Moultonborough, through Tuftonborough to the Line of Ossipe Gore, to meet a Road leading from Conway Road so called where Josiah Polin now lives, to said Line of Tuftonborough upon which Road a considerable Bridge will be necessary to be made over Melvins River, which Road so bridged & made your Petitioners humbly conceive woud be of publick Utility, & render the travelling & transport from the Towns above much more convenient than any

other Road now open—Wherefore your Petitioners pray your Hon^{rs} Consideration of the Matter, & that you woud open & make such a Road through such part of said Tuftonborough as will best answer the Purposes aforesaid and your Petitioners shall ever pray—

February 6th 1781—

Moses weed	John Adams	Rufus Adams
John Rogers	Thomas Rogers	John adams Juner
William Whipple	Amos Whipple	Bile Leach
George Freese	Mark Jewell	Richard Clement
John Jewell	John Brown	Bradbury Jewell
Day Ballard	William Eastman J^{r}	James Clark
John Toppan	Willmon Bittum	Winthrop Smith
Thomas mudget	Obadiah Dudy	Elisha mudget
John fouler	Olover fouler	Aaain Hacket
Daniel ames	John sandrson	Jashay Nickson
Timothy Medar	Robert Sandbourne	Jacob Weed
Sam. Peirson	John Hutchins	John Wallace
Enoch Sanderson	Joseph Richardson	John Glines
Elias Smith	Abraham Chandler	William Atkins
Ephraim Drake	Eben^{r} Blake	Nathan Hoit
Samuel Lear	Edward Hayford	Enoch Blake
James Samborn	David Beain	Edward Modey
Phineas Graves	Joseph Garland	Benj^{a} Bean
John Wadligh	Richard Bachum	Obadiah Brown
John Goldsmith	John Goldsmith jur	Moors Brown
Samuel Sias	Eliphalat Sias	Benjamin Goldsmith
Nathanal Brown	Samuel Tibbets	Jacob Brown
Richard Glover	Josiah Poland	Isaac Goldsmith
John Young	Benjamin Sceggel	Zachur goldsmith
	Isaac Davis	

[*Plan of Long Island*, 1799.]



[*Committee of Moultonborough Proprietors*, 1806.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 191.]

State of New Hampshire } At a meeting of the Proprietors of
Strafford ss } Moultonbor° held at Moultonbor° 24th March 1806.—

Whereas a meeting of the Proprietors of Moultonbor° is warned & holden at Moultonborough this 24th of March; & an article in the Warrant is, to confer with a Committe, which is, or may be chosen by this Propriety, respecting a division of the Common Land in said

town.—Therefore voted. that Nath[l] Shannon Esq[r]. Col[o] Bradbury Richardson & Col[o] Bradbury Cilley be agents in behalf of this propriety. with full power to confer & agree with the Grantors of said Moultonbor[o]. respecting a severance of the land. reference being had. both to quantity & quality. & to have that part which may then be mutually agreed. to be assign'd to the fifteen original Grantors. & make report of the same. that it may be divided among the proprietors—thereby granting to said Agents full power to Release & Quitclaim by Deed or otherwise all the right of the Proprietors to their shares of said undivided Lands as shall be agreed on—

Thomas Shannon Prop[s] Clerk

A true Coppy of record Attes Tho[s] Shannon Pt Clerk

[*Deed from Aforesaid Committee*. 1807.]

[Masonian Papers. Vol. 6. p. 192.]

Know all Men by these Presents. that we Nathaniel Shannon and Bradbury Richardson, both of Moultonborough in the county of Strafford. and State of New Hampshire. Esquires. and Bradbury Cilley of Nottingham in the county of Rockingham. and State aforesaid. Esquire. Agents. appointed by the Proprietors of Moultonborough. aforesaid. at their legal meeting held at Moultonborough on the 24th March 1806. authorizing us to confer and agree with the Grantors of said Moultonborough respecting the severance of the common land in said town, for. and in consideration of one hundred cents to us in hand, before the delivery hereof. well and truly paid by John Peirce and Nathaniel Appleton Haven. both of Portsmouth in the county of Rockingham aforesaid. Merchants. agents appointed by the Proprietors of Mason's Patent. at their legal meeting held on the 19th day of March 1806. for the purpose of agreeing with the Proprietors of Moultonborough. respecting a severance of the common land in said town. so far as respects the shares appertaining to the original rights of the Fifteen Grantors. the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge. and for the further consideration of their having released to us. by their instrument of even date with these Presents. all the Right which the said Fifteen Grantors or their Heirs or Assigns have in and to all the residue of the common land in said town. for the use of the other Proprietors thereof except a tract of land containing. two thousand. two hundred and fifty acres. particularly described and bounded in said deed of release : have given, granted. bargained. released. & forever quitclaimed. and by these Presents in

our said capacity, do hereby give, grant, bargain, release, and forever quit claim to them, the said John Pierce and Nathaniel Appleton Haven, for the use and benefit of those legally claiming the original rights of the Fifteen Grantors, namely, the rights of Theodore Atkinson, Thomas Packer, Thomas Wallingford, John Moffatt, Richard Wibird, Mark Hunking Wentworth, John Wentworth, Jotham Odiorne, Joshua Peirce, Solly and March, Thomlinson and Mason, Meserve and Co., Peirce and Moore, George Jaffrey and John Rindge, to them, their Heirs and Assigns forever, as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants, a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Moultonborough aforesaid containing twenty two hundred and fifty acres, to be allotted and divided into fifteen equal shares, one of which shares to be for each of the rights aforesaid, bounded as follows, beginning at the easterly corner of Moultonborough, which is the Northerly corner of Tuftonborough, and running Southwesterly on said Tuftonborough, one mile and one hundred and sixty rods, and carrying that breadth North-westerly on the Easterly line of said Moultonborough, (which Easterly line is a direct line from the North corner of Tuftonborough to an Oak Tree, the corner of Sandwich, and is the dividing line between Moultonborough and Ossipee) so far, that a line run parallel to the said Tuftonborough line, from said Easterly line of Moultonborough shall include two thousand, two hundred and fifty acres of land; To have and to hold the aforesaid released premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof, to them the said John Peirce and Nathaniel Appleton Haven to be holden, set off and divided for the use and benefit of the legal Representatives of the aforesaid fifteen original Grantors, their Heirs and Assigns forever; We hereby in our said capacity covenanting and engaging to warrant the same against the lawful claim or demand of the Proprietors of Moultonborough—In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and seven.

Signed Sealed and	Nathan^{l} Shannon	[seal]
Delivered in presence of	Bradbury Richardson	[seal]
Thomas Leavitt	Bradb^{y} Cilley	[seal]
W^{m} B Parker.		

Rockingham ss Portsmouth Feby 7th 1807

Then the within named Nathaniel Shannon Bradbury Richardson, & Bradbury Cilley Esquires personally appearing acknowledged this instrument to be their free act & Deed—

before Thomas Leavitt Just Peace

[*Report of Masonian Committee*, 1807.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 193.]

The Committee appointed by vote of the Proprietors dated March 19th 1806 authorizing them to settle and agree with the Grantees of Moultonborough respecting a divission of the Common Land in that Town—now report—

That having attended to the duties of their appointment, by frequent conferances with a Committee appointed by the Proprietors of Moultonborough fully authorized for the express purpose, of agreeing with your Committee, in the proposed division, and having caused such survey to be made, and such Plans to be procured, and other documents furnished, as would enable them to act as they deemed most beneficial, to the Propriety, have at length effected the object of their Commission, by receiving from the Committee, appointed by the Proprietors of Moultonborough a deed of Two Thousand, two hundred and fifty acres of Land, to be laid out in that Quarter of the Town, adjoining Tuftonborough and Ossipee, in such form as is particularly stated in the Deed, to which we refer—they further report, that in consideration of deed of release from the Committee of the Propriety of Moultonborough, your Committe have by deed, released and forever quitclaimed to the Proprietors of Moultonborough all the right and title which the Masonian Proprietors have to the remainder of the Common Land in said Town and your Committee further report, that considering the probable differance of Quality in the Two thousand, two hundred and fifty Acres, now released to the Propriety, they are of Opinion, and would recommend that the same be allotted into thirty Lots of seventy five Acres each, and a plan of the Survey thereof be returned to the Propriety and severance made of them by drawing and assigning Two Lotts to the right of each of the fifteen original Proprietors—March 5th 1807.

John Pierce
Nath. A. Haven

[*Plan of Part of Moultonborough*, 1807.]

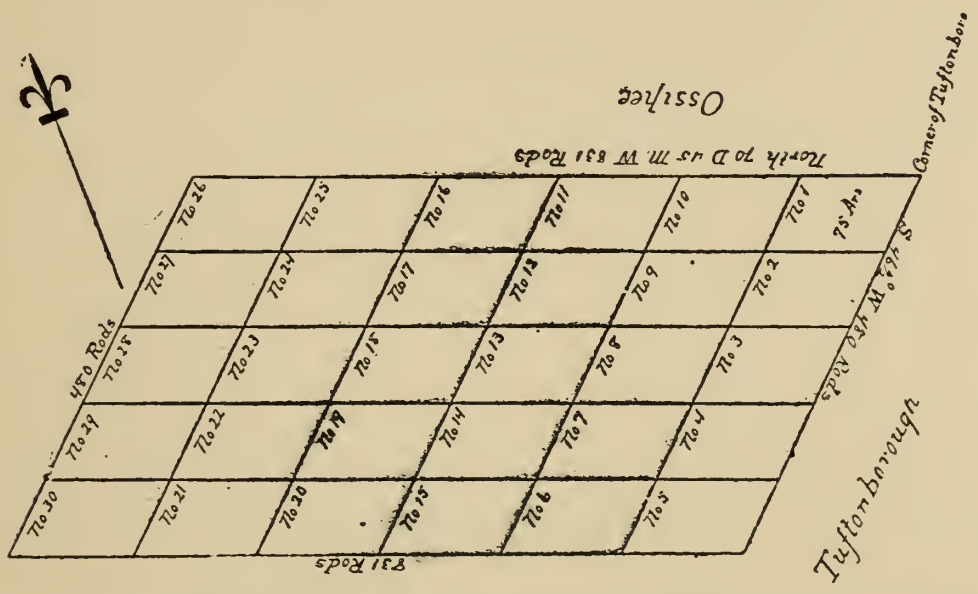
A Plan of 2250 Acres of Land in the Town of Moultonborough and is the Southeasterly Corner of said Town Adjoining Ossipee and Tuftonborough Survey'd according to the Deed which the proprietors of Moultonborough gave to the Masonian proprietors

Survey'd June 8th 1807 by

Benjamin Cook Surv^{r}

Each Lot contains Seventy five Acres—The width of each Lot on the range Line is 96 Rods.—

The check Lines are 138.5 Rods by each Lot



Protracted by A Scale of one hundred Rods to an Inch

CORRECTIONS.

On page 63, for Joseph Bunster, read *Joseph Bruster*.
On page 88, for Jonathan Odiorne, read *Jotham Odiorne*.
On page 89, for Edward Sade, read *Edward Lade*.
On page 395, for Joseph Minot, read *Jonas Minot*.
On pages 469 and 470, for Jonah Brown read *Josiah Brown*.
On page 545, for Bill Leech, read *Bille Leach*.

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